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From the Governor to Joseph Bryge esq.

Town of Washington, 6th January, 1873

Sir,

I transmit to you by Capt. Hammond copies of the charges exhibited against you by John B. Willis esq. & reasonable time will be allowed you to answer them.

yr &c

David Holmes.

Joseph Bryge esq.
Sheriff of Claiborne.

The charges exhibited some time ago by Capt. Bullock are not copied. They will be forwarded hereafter.

D H.

From the Governor to the Secretary at War.

Town of Washington. M.T. 6th January, 1873.

Sir,

On the 4th instant I drew a bill upon you in favour of David Berry, for seventy five dollars, being the amount of his salary as interpreter to the Chactaw Indians, due for the quarter which ended with the last day of the last month.

Hon.ble William Eustis,
Secretary at War.

Yours &c

David Holmes,

General Orders. Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 9th Jan.y 1873.

The Battalion musters of the militia of the Counties East of Pearl River, and of Madison County, are ordered to be held at the times and places following viz,

The 1st Battalion of the 6th Regiment on Monday the 2nd of March, and the 2nd Battalion of said Regiment on Thursday the 5th day of March at their usual parade ground.

The Battalion of the 15th Regiment on Saturday the 7th of March

at such place in Clarke County as the Lieut. Col. Commandant of said Regiment shall appoint.

The Battalion of the 14th Regiment (Mobile County) on the day of March, at such place as the Commandant of said Regiment may direct.

The Battalion of the 17th Regiment (Jackson County) on the day of March, at such place as the Commandant of the said Regiment may direct.

The Battalion of the 18th Regiment (Hancock County) on the day of March, at such place as the Commandant of the Regiment shall direct.

The Battalion of the 8th Regiment on the day of March, at their usual place of parade.

The Battalion of the 9th Regiment on the day of March, at their usual parade ground.

The Battalion of the 12th Regiment on the day of March, at their usual parade ground.

The 1st Battalion of the 7th Regiment on the day of March, and the 2nd Battalion of ~~the~~ said Regiment on the day of March, at their usual parade grounds in Madison County.

The 1st Battalion of the 16th Regiment, on the day of March, and the 2nd Battalion of said Regiment on the day of March, at such places in Madison County as the Lt. Col. Commandant of said Regiment may direct order.

David Holmes,
Commander in chief,
Mil: Miss: Territory.

From the Governor to Capt. Daniel Hughes.

Town of Washington, 18th January 1813.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 16th instant.

I most cheerfully comply with your request respecting the stands of arms at my command in Cantonment Washington, as the purpose for which you want them will tend to promote the public service.

The disposition which you propose to make of the gunpowder meets my approbation, but I would suggest the propriety of retaining one barrel at the cantonment.

The horsemans swords I have promised to a troop of cavalry, and expect they will be called for shortly. In the mean time you can use the remainder number you require.

I have &c.
David Holmes.

Capt. Danl. Hughes.
Commanding at Cantonment
Washington.

From the Governor to Colo. Caller.

Dear Sir, Town of Washington, 25th January, 1813.

I enclose to you a general order for the Battalion musters East of Pearl River. The days of musters are left blank, you will fill them up with the days that you may think most convenient to the militia of the several Regiments.

If you have issued orders as senior Colonel you will not consider the enclosed order as obligatory.

Yrs &c.
David Holmes.

James Caller,
Colo. 6th Regiment

General Orders. Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 26th Jany. 1813.

The Commander in chief countermands so much of the general order of the 9th instant as relates to places of holding the Battalion musters of the 7th Regiment, and orders that they be held at such places as the Commandant of the Regiment may designate.

David Holmes.

Commander in chief, Mil. Misp. Terry.

From the Governor to Major Neal.

Sir, (1) Town of Washington, 1st Feby, 1813.

I inclose to you duplicate extracts of a general order respecting the Battalion musters, and also a general order countermanding that part of the order of the 9th of January which relates to the places of holding the Battalion musters of the 7th Regiment. The day in March is left blank which you can fill up. The duty of ordering the Battalion musters (as General Claiborne is now on command) devolves upon the senior Colonel of the Brigade. If, therefore, you have received orders from that officer you will not consider the general order as obligatory. It has been represented that the senior Col. may not have adverted to the circumstance of General Claiborne being in the service of the United States. You will communicate the order, and the contents of this letter to the commanding officer of the 16th Regiment.

Major Neal,
of the 7th Regiment
By.

Yrs &c,
David Holmes.

This letter is directed to you from a belief that Colonel Pinkney is not in Madison County.

D H.

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From the Governor to Colo Leonington.

Town of Washington, 1st Feby 1873.

Dr Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you two letters to me, one from Governor Blount, the other from Genl Jackson, on the subject of the troops now on their march from the State of Tennessee. You can copy the whole or any part of these letters for the information of Genl Wilkinson. The originals you will be pleased to return.

I have &c

David Holmes.

Colo Leonington.

From the Governor to Major Ward.

Town of Washington, 1th Feby 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a commission as Major of the 2nd Regiment in the militia of this Territory.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Major Nathaniel Ward.
Wilkinson County.

From the Governor to Colo Callen,

Town of Washington, 2nd Feby 1873.

Dr Sir,

I recieved your letter of the 24th instant by Major Welch. The recommendatory letter which you have transmitted to me in favour of Mr Crawford entitles him to my respect and esteem. The gentlemen who have stated his merits I know well, and have been honored with their friendship. It is therefore that I would serve him with pleasure. The office however that he is desirous of obtaining was conferred upon Colo Cannon before he left this place. Whether his military employments will indeed him to resign I cannot foretell. I will thank you to inform Mr Crawford that it will give me real satisfaction to render him any service within my power.

I inclose to you four civil commissions conformably to your recommendations, and also a license for Mr. Crawford.

If any occurrence of moment should take place upon the frontier or in relation to the lower Country, be pleased to let me hear from you.

I am &c.,

Col.o Callen.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Col.o Coffee.

Sir, Town of Washington, 12th February, 1813.

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 4th instant on yesterday evening

I immediately communicated to Lieut.t Covington who commands at Cantonment Washington your expectation of meeting with supplies at the line, informing him at the same time that I sincerely wished every thing to be done for the accommodation of the patriotic troops you command that was practicable. But from the short notice he has received, occasioned by the delay of the mail that brought your letter, I fear it will not be in his power to make the arrangements you required at the line. I refer you to Col.o Covington for further information.

I have &c.,

Col.o Coffee.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Col.o Covington.

Sir, Town of Washington, 12th Feby, 1813.

I have written a letter to Col.o Coffee whereby I have referred him to you for information respecting the arrangements he requires to be made at the line. I am perfectly confident that you will do every thing within your power and authority for the accommodation of these troops.

Col.o Covington. T. &c., David Holmes.

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From the Governor to Gen. Claiborne.

Town of Washington, 20th Feb'y, 1813.

Sir,

You will recollect that in order to equip the detachment of militia from this Territory for actual service, it became absolutely necessary to furnish a number of them with blankets, consequently I purchased (at your request) to a considerable amount. They were delivered to the troops upon condition that the price of the blanket should be deducted out of the pay of such of the soldiers as might choose to receive them; provided the Government would not upon application release them from the obligation. That application has been made, but no answer is yet received, and therefore it is not within my authority to alter the existing contract between the soldier and the Government. From the time the detachment were bound to serve I have always believed that they were entitled in justice to a blanket each if not six months clothing; but as some have received blankets from the public while others have furnished themselves, it is but right that the latter should be placed on a footing with the former. If therefore no charge is ultimately made for what the Government has advanced to some of the individuals composing the corps the others ought to have an equal compensation in money.

Under these circumstances, and particularly as it is not in the power of you or me to dissolve the contract, it will be your duty to inform the pay master of the same, and request him to retain the price of the blanket until the pleasure of the Government can be known.

I will again represent the subject to the Secretary at War, and will use my best endeavours to have a just remuneration made to every individual of the detachment. If the existing laws will not authorize any compensation for clothing, I presume that Congress will make an equitable allowance.

Yr. &c.

David Holmes.

Brigadier Genl. Claiborne.

From the Governor to General Claiborne.

Town of Washington, 22nd Feby 1813.

Sir,

Previous to the receipt of your letter of yesterday I had, in consequence of the conversation that passed between us a few days ago, written to you on the subject of the blankets. My letter was not copied, and as your servant was in haste to return I concluded to send it to you this morning by Manuel. As I have no immediate command at the Cantonment I cannot say any thing upon the militia there. I presume it would be proper to consult Colo Covington. I certainly have no objection to the course you propose.

I have &c

David Holmes.

Brigadier Genl Claiborne.

From the Governor to Genl Jackson.

Town of Washington, 22nd Feby, 1813.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of this morning was handed to me by Colonel Henderson.

I am not certain what number of tents are in the public store subject to my order, but I shall give to your Brigade Quarter master an order for the number you require. If as many should not be on hand he can receipt to Mr Andrews the, apt dept Quarter master for such as he may deliver to him.

Permit me to say, sir, that it will give me great pleasure to be instrumental in promoting the comfort and convenience of yourself and the patriotic corps you command in any way consistent with my duty as a public officer or as a citizen of the Territory.

I have &c,

Genl Andrew Jackson.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Robert Andreessy.

Town of Washington, 22nd Feb.y 1813.

Sir,

Deliver to Colo. Henderson, the Brigade Quarter master the troops commanded by Major General Jackson, seven horseman's tents, and thirty eight common tents. If you should not have the whole number required deliver to him as many as are on hand subject to my order, and take his receipt accordingly.

Yr. &c.
David Holmes.

Robt Andreessy
aps. dpy Quartermaster.

From the Governor to Colonel Nelson

Town of Washington 1st. March, 1813.

Sir),

I have the honor to inclose to you five commissions conformably to the recommendations contained in your letter of the 26th ulto.

I have &c.,
David Holmes.

Colo. Nelson,
of the 1st Regiment.

From the Governor to Colo. Skinner,

Sir),

Town of Washington, 13th March, 1813.

I have transmitted to you by this mail a commission as Sheriff of Green County with a copy of the laws passed at the last session. Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of these papers by the first opportunity.

I have &c.
David Holmes.

Colo. Skinner
Sheriff of Green.

From the Governor to Lieut. Colonel Cannon.

Dear Sir,

Town of Washington, 13th March, 1813.

Your letter of the 11th instant was received by the last mail. The commissions for the 8th Regiment have been forwarded conformably to your recommendation. The commission for Lieut. Thomas has been sent to Lebanon post office agreeably to your recommendation.

For the information contained in your letter I return you my thanks, and hope that you will keep me informed of all interesting occurrences in your part of the Territory. Be pleased to let me know the names of the militia officers who have joined the volunteer corps.

General Jackson, who lately arrived here with a large military force, is in pursuance of orders about to return to Tennessee. The cause of this movement we are unacquainted with. I give it you merely as a matter of intelligence.

I am &c.,

Lieut. Colo. Cannon.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to General Jackson.

Dear Sir,

Town of Washington, 16th March, 1813.

I have received your letter of this morning announcing your intention to leave this Territory in pursuance of orders from the General Government.

The alacrity which the citizens of Tennessee have shewn to defend their brethren of the lower country, and the conduct of the troops under your command since they entered this Territory have not failed to excite in the breast of all who are interested in the safety and happiness of our community the most lively sensations of gratitude and respect. . . . . .

Believe me, Sir, I reciprocate from my heart the sentiments of respect which you express for me on your own part, and

that of your detachment. Assure them that collectively and individually my best wishes for their honor comfort and happiness will always be in whatever situation they may be placed.

After reserving as my many of the tents (furnished upon my order) as you may deem proper, you can deliver the remainder to Mr. Andrews the assistant dep.y Quarter master.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

Major Genl. Jackson.

From the Governor to Samuel Brooks esq.

Town of Washington, 27th March, 1813.

Dear Sir!

Charges have been exhibited against you and Mr. Hardesty by Jacob Auberger, which from their complexion, and manner in which they are supported, you ought to be made acquainted with. I therefore inclose you a copy of the remonstrance, and have to request that you will give such explinations as you may think proper.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

Samuel Brooks esq.

From the Governor to Mr. Thomas Hardesty.

Town of Washington, 30th March, 1813.

Sir

Your commission as Constable for the County of Adams is hereby revoked.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

Mr. Tho.s Hardesty.

From the Governor to Edward Turner esq.

Town of Washington, 31st March 1813.

Dear Sir,

I enclose to you a commission as Justice of the Peace for Adams County. I will thank you to recommend a fit person for the office of Constable. Mr. Hardesty has been removed.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

Edward Turner esq.

From the Governor to Nathaniel A. Ware esq.

Town of Washington, 8th April 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that your commission as a member of the legislative Council has been transmitted to me, and is filed in the Secretary's office.

Yrs &c.,

David Holmes.

Nathaniel A. Ware esq.

From the Governor to the Secretary at War.

Town of Washington, M.T. 9th April, 1873.

Sir,

I have this day drawn a bill upon you in favour of David Berry, for seventy five dollars, being the amount of his salary as interpreter to the Chactaw Indians, due for the quarter ending with the last day of the last month.

I have &c.,

Hon.ble John Armstrong, David Holmes.

Secretary at War.

From the Governor to the Sectary of State.

Town of Washington, M.T. 14th April 1873.

Sir,

By the last mail I received a letter from Genl. Wilkinson informing me that he was about to proceed immediately to Mobile for the purpose of taking possession of Fort Charlotte, and that he deemed it material to the public service that I should meet him in that part of Territory.

Heretofore I have been frequently urged, and from respectable quarters, to sanction the taking possession of the Fortress and Town of Mobile, on the ground that they were within the legal limits of this Territory, but I have always refused to give such sanction without the instructions of the President. A copy of a letter written to Genl. Wilkinson

in answer to one from him upon this subject will shew the rule that have governed my conduct.

I am much gratified by the determination of the government to remove the obstacle to a complete administration of the laws within the Territory, and will set out this day for Fort Stoddert, in order that I may be prepared to organize the government in the Town of Mobile the moment our unequalled possession is obtained.

Honble James Monroe,
Secty of State.

I have &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Governor of Pensacola.

Mobile, 30th April, 1813.

Sir,

I have been informed from the most creditable sources that some time in the month of February last, Capt. Perez who then commanded the Spanish troops whom the Government of the United States permitted to remain unmolested in their Fortress near the town of Mobile, had caused to be arrested and imprisoned a certain Capt. Diego M.cVoy a citizen of the Mississippi Territory, and a Capt. of a company of militia, organized in the County of Mobile. That a short time previous to the evacuation of the Fortress by the Spanish troops the said M.cVoy (although he had been regularly demanded by the first judicial authority of the Miss. Territory) was sent by the commandant a prisoner to Pensacola, where he is now in confinement under your authority. A copy of an authentic document containing a statement of facts relating to this transaction is herewith transmitted.

The circumstance of the Government of the United States having permitted the Spanish troops to remain in possession of Fort Charlotte after they had occupied the principal part of West Florida was no derelection of their claim to the whole Country as far as the Perdido, including the Town and Fortress of Mobile, but merely an act of courtesy towards your Government, which could not be considered as investing power in the

Commandant of the Garrison to exercise authority over the persons or property of citizens residing within the declared limits of the Mississippi Territory: Consequently for the acts of violence which has been committed upon the person of Capt. McVoy I am impelled by the most sacred obligations of duty to demand redress. I therefore request that you will release Capt. McVoy from his confinement, and that you will cause him to be remunerated for the injury he has so unjustly sustained.

The Government of the United States are pledged to secure to every individual citizen thereof all the rights to which they are entitled by law. No prerogative is considered of equal importance with that of personal liberty. Their own officers cannot infringe it with impunity, and I am confident that an abuse of this right by a foreign officer will not be tolerated.

In the present instance I am induced to believe that your excellency has been misled by false representations, I will not therefore anticipate a refusal on the part of your excellency to comply with my just request, nor will I advert to the unpleasant consequences that would result from such a course.

This letter will be delivered to your excellency by Captain Atkinson of the army of the United States, who will receive your answer, and afford the requisite facilities to enable Capt. McVoy to return to his home.

I avail my self of this occasion to assure your excellency of my most profound respect and high consideration.

Yr. ob.

David Holmes.

His excellency,

Mauricio Zuniga,

Governor of Pensacola.

Permission to Nicholas Cooke to act as a pilot in the Bay of Mobile

I do hereby certify that Nicholas Cooke has been represented to me as a person well qualified to discharge the duties of a pilot, and I do further certify that by the existing laws of the Mississippi Territory he is not prohibited from following that occupation. He is therefore permitted to act as a pilot in the bay of Mobile until a special provision may be made by law to regulate the subject.

Given under my hand at the town of Mobile this 1st day of May 1813.

David Holmes.

Permission to Isaac Isleitine to act as pilot in the bay of Mobile.

I do hereby certify that Isaac Isleitine has been represented to me as a person well qualified to discharge the duties of a pilot, and I do further certify that by the existing laws of the Mississippi Territory he is not prohibited from following that occupation. He is therefore permitted to act as a pilot in the bay of Mobile until a special provision may be made by law to regulate the subject.

Given under my hand at the Town of Mobile this 1st day of May 1813.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to J. Lyons esq.

Sir, Mobile, 2nd May, 1813.

In my opinion the publishing of the laws of the United States relating to commerce and the public revenue in this Mobile Gazette will essentially promote the interest of the general Government, and contribute to the security of those citizens of the Mississippi Territory who are concerned in trade.

I am &c

J. Lyons esq. David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Secretary of State.

Fort Stoddert, 5th May, 1813.

Sir,

I have this moment returned from the town of Mobile, where I have been engaged for some days past in organizing the Government in that part of the Territory lately occupied by the authority of the President in pursuance of the act passed at the last session of Congress.

From the best information I have been capable of obtaining, and from actual observation, I am induced to believe that the town of Mobile will immediately become a place of considerable importance in relation to the public revenue, and commercial enterprise, or rather commercial artifice. To this port our cruizers will frequently send the prizes they may capture upon the southern coast. It will be often preferred to New Orleans on being more easy of access. These circumstances will render many regulations by Congress indispensable. The establishment however of a competent judicial tribunal for the adjudication of all revenue, maratime, and commercial cases cannot be delayed without great hazard to the public revenue, and real injury to individuals. It is impracticable for the Territorial Judge who resides in that part of the Territory to attend to the duties now assigned him by law, and such as will inevitably occur in Mobile. An additional Judge ought therefore to be appointed whose jurisdiction should be limited to the cases I have mentioned. He ought not to have cognizance of land cases until some general provision is made by Congress for adjusting the various and complicated claims that exist over the whole of the Territory.

Since writing from Pensacola to this Territory has been most successfully pursued since the declaration of war, large quantities of

coffee have been purchased there and sent to Georgia and there upon which no duties have been paid. This business will be carried on extensively between Pensacola and Mobile in British goods of every description, unless some means are adopted of having the offender promptly punished. I do not think I believe this can be otherwise accomplished than by appointing a judge for the purposes I have mentioned, to reside in the County of Mobile.

If Congress should think with me upon this subject, & authorize the President to make the appointment, I would recommend the Hon.ble Mr. Toulmin for the office. In his integrity and capacity I have the fullest confidence.

I have &c

Hon.ble James Monroe
Secretary of State.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Governor Claiborne,

Sir,) Town of Washington, Miss.i Ter.y, 17th May, 1813.

A certain John W. Winn, the person named in the copy of an indictment herewith transmitted, after being convicted of the crime with which he was charged, and sentenced according to the laws of this Territory, broke the jail where he was confined, and escaped from prison. He is now a fugitive from justice from this Territory, and I have cause to believe that he has taken refuge within the limits of the State of Louisiana, and is at this time within the County of Concordia. I therefore, in conformity with the act of Congress in such case made and provided, deem it proper to request your excellency to have the said John W. Winn apprehended, secured, and delivered up to such agent as I may appoint on the part of this Territory.

With a copy of the indictment I transmit to your excellency a certificate of the Sheriff of Adams County of his having receipts from persons, which papers are duly authenticated.

His excellency,
W. C. C. Claiborne,
Governor of the State of Louisiana

Have &c
David Holmes.

By David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

To all who shall see these Presents: Whereas Robert Harrison was convicted at the last superior Court of Law and equity, holden for the County of Adams, of the crime of maim, and sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars, and to stand in the pillory two hours each day for three days in succession. And whereas, the punishment of standing in the pillory for two days in succession hath been inflicted upon the said Robert Harrison. Now Know ye, that I do, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Governor of the Territory, remit the remainder of the punishment of standing in the pillory which by the sentence aforesaid the said Robert Harrison would be subjected to receive.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Territory
this 21st day of May, 1813.

(LS)

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Jeremy Gray Esq.

Town of Washington, 29th May, 1813.

Dear Sir,

I transmit to you by Mr. Johnston a commission as Justice of the Peace for Wilkinson County.

On the 7th of November 1812 you were appointed a Justice of the peace as appears by the Register of appointments. Mr. Johnston informs me that you never received it. This has been occasioned by the neglect of the person by whom it was forwarded. I am &c David Holmes.

Be it remembered that George Poindexter esq. on this 1st day of June 1873, produced to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory his commission from the President of the United States as a Judge of the superior Court of said Territory, and took the oaths prescribed by Law to be taken by a Judge of the superior Court aforesaid.

From the Governor to I. A. Giraudt esq.

Dear Sir, Town of Washington, 7th June, 1873.

I received your letter of this morning by the boy. You may rest assured that your application will meet with all the attention that you can wish. The respect and regard that I entertained for your worthy father will be a sufficient inducement with me to do in my power, consistent with propriety, to alleviate to his family the misfortune of his death.

Yr. Ob.,

David Holmes.

I. A. Giraudt esq.

Note! See after 30th June a letter from the Governor to Colo. Jno. Steele relative ~~to the appointment of a successor to Colo. Giraudt~~

From the Governor to Colo. Peter Perkins.

Dear Sir, Town of Washington, 8th June, 1873.

Yours of the 23rd ult. was received this morning. Your letters prior to that date were received at the office while I was at Mobile.

I now transmit to you commissions conformably to your several recommendations, which I will thank you to deliver to the gentlemen for whom they are intended.

I congratulate you upon the recovery of your health.

Recd. Colo. Peter Perkins.

Yrs. &c.,

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Col.o Nixon.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 9th June, 1813.

Lieut. Col.o Terrell having resigned the command of the 13th Regiment, you have been appointed to supply the vacancy thereoccasioned, and your commission is herewith transmitted.

A few days ago I received a petition stating that Captain Noble, who held formerly held the command of a company in the 13th Regiment, had through an error been represented to me as having removed from the Territory, and that his name had been stricken from the list of officers. That Richard Dunckly was appointed to supply the vacancy. The petitioners state that they live within the company district, and pray that Mr. Noble may be reinstated. It appears from the Register that Capt. Noble was considered as out of service, and that Mr. Dunckley was appointed to the vacancy.

I have to request that you will represent to me the facts in relation to this transaction, and particularly respecting the removal of Captain Noble in order that I may judge whether he is entitled to be reinstated.

I have, &c.,
David Holmes.

Lieut. Col.o Nixon.

From the Governor to the Governor of Kentucky.

Sir,

Town of Washington, Mi.T, 14th June, 1813.

A certain John McNeel late of this Territory was charged with the crime of stealing a negro, the property of Mary Sharkey. The grand jury for the County wherein the offence was committed found the indictment filed upon the charge a true bill.

I am informed that said John McNeel hath escaped from this Territory, and is now within the limits of the state of Kentucky,

a fegitive from justice. In conformity therefore with the act of Congress in such case made and provided I have to request that your excellency will cause the said John McNeil to be apprehended and delivered up to such agent as I may appoint (on the part of this State) when notified of his being in custody. An authenticated record of the indictment is herewith transmitted.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

His Excellency,

The Governor of Kentucky.

From the Governor to the Clerk of Hancock County.

Town of Washington, 19th June, 1813.

Sir,

I received your letter by Captain Burnett on yesterday, and have delivered to him the commission conformably to your recommendation. He has consented to take two copies of the digest for the use of the Court.

I am &c,

David Holmes.

Mr. William Hunt.

Clerk of Hancock County.

From the Governor to Col. Nelson.

Town of Washington. 24th June, 1813.

Dear Sir,

Your letter was received a few days after you left this place. Upon examining the Register I find you did not receive a commission for Samuel Gorel as Lieutenant of cavalry, whose name is mentioned in your written recommendation. I now inclose to you his commission.

I am &c,

David Holmes.

Lieut. Col. David Nelson.

From the Governor to Joseph Roberts esq.

Dear Sir, Town of Washington, 24th June, 1873.

I transmit to you a commission as Coroner of Smith County, which I request you will accept.

Joseph Roberts esq. I am &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Public printer.

Sir, Town of Washington, 26th June, 1873.

By a resolution of the last session of the Legislature I was directed to have printed by the public printer, five hundred copies of the articles of war, and the same number of copies of the patrol law. I now transmit to you a book containing a correct copy of the articles of war, commencing at the beginning of the book, and ending at page fifty one. A copy of the patrol law you will find among the acts of the last session. I will thank you to proceed to the execution of the work conformably to the resolution as soon as possible.

Mr. Peter Isler,
Printer for the Territory.

Yr. &c, David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Great Mingo Packshannubbee.

Town of Washington, 26th June, 1873.

To the Great Mingo Packshannubbee, Chief of the upper Chactaws.

Friend and Brother,

I received your letter of the 16th of the present month by the last mail. Lewis the man who was charged with having killed one of your people near Natchez, was taken up, and put into jail;

where he remained until the men appointed to enquire into matters of this nature met and tried him according to the same laws and forms that are established for the trial of persons charged with the killing of a white man. After having all the witnesses examined who knew any thing of the transaction, they were of opinion that Lewis had not killed the indian, tho' it was evident he had abused him unpro=perly in consequence of a difference ~~which~~ arose respecting a gun that Lewis lent the Indian. It appears that the Indian came to his death by falling over the Bluff, but the men who tried Lewis did not believe that he pushed him over, and therefore could not find him guilty of the murder. Lewis's conduct in abusing the Indian was not justified by any person. The moment I heard of the affair I had him apprehended and brought to trial. I assure you brother that he was imprisoned, and tried by the same laws and regulations that are made for trying those who are charged with the death of a white man.

When your people come among us it is but reasonable that they should abide by our laws, especially as they are entitled to all the protection they afford. If therefore the same justice is shewn to them that is dealt out to our own people they ought not to complain.

Brother I hope you will see this subject in its proper light, and that you will exert yourself to prevent the chain of friendship which has ever been bright between the Chactaws and white people from being tarnished on this occasion.

I am satisfied Brother of the sincerity of your friendship and value it highly. I have therefore directed Turner Brashears to make further explanations to you, and to the friends of the deceased Indian respecting this business.

Believe me &c

David Holmes.

The Great Mingo Pucksheenubbee.
Chief of the upper Chactaws.

From the Governor to Mr. Turner. Brashears

Dear Sir,

Town of Washington, 26th June, 1813.

I inclose to you a letter for the chiefs Pucksheenubbee in answer to one I received from him by the last mail respecting an Indian who was found dead near Natchez, and who a man by the name of Leeis was charged with having murdered. The chiefs say that the friends of the deceased are determined to have satisfaction for the supposed murder. Leeis was apprehended and tried before the proper tribunal. Upon a full investigation of the facts he was acquitted of the charge by a jury of his country. This is reason to satisfy the friends of the deceased.

However

Being anxious to maintain the good understanding that has always existed between the Chactaws and the people of the United States I have in my letter to the chiefs referred him and the friends of the deceased to you for further explanations. My object in doing this is that you may use your best exertions to have the affair amicably adjusted by shewing them that every thing (consistent with our laws) which could have been done was effected to ensure a faithful enquiry and a just result. That there exists no cause of complaint on their part is evident for it cannot be expected that we will change the great principles upon which our laws are founded for the accommodation of their views of justice.

Should your explanations fail to dissuade them from their present intention of taking the life of one of our citizens by way of

retaliation, you are in that case authorized to offer a pecuniary gift to the friends of the deceased to effect this humane purpose. The sum should not be large, for in fact the circumstance of Lewis's having been fairly tried ought of itself to be satisfactory. You will not exceed one hundred dollars if you should be obliged to resort to a pecuniary arrangement.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

Wm Turner Brashears

P.S.

You can read my letter to the chief before you seal and deliver it to him.

D H

A Proclamation.

By David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

Know Ye that agreeably to the returns from the several counties and election districts, it appears that William Lattimore is elected to represent this Territory in the Congress of the United States until the fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

I do therefore in compliance with the laws of this Territory proclaim the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed this 30th day of June in the year 1813, and in the 37th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(LS)

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Colo John Steele.

Town of Washington, 7th June, 1813.

Dear Sir,

From the time I heard of the serious indisposition of Colo Gravatt I have been determined in case it should eventuate in his death, which has to appeared, to alleviate the misfortune to his family by conferring upon some one of his sons the appointment which he held, and the duties of which he discharged with so much credit to himself, and utility to the community. There is however a legal difficulty in appointing the young gentleman who has for some months transacted the business as deputy clerk of the County, arising from his not being of age, and his brothers who are of age, I am informed resided in New Orleans. The manner in which I propose, notwithstanding these defects, to carry my intentions into effect will be explained to you by Colo Daniegfield.

I am &c

Colo John Steele.

David Holmes.

N.B. The foregoing letter was not recorded in its order of date through mistake.
Henry Daniegfield Secy.

From the Governor to Joseph Bryan Esq.

Town of Washington, 1st July, 1813.

Sir,

Your answer to the charges exhibited against you by John B. Willis has been expected for some time past. I hope it will be forwarded without further delay.

Your &c

Joseph Bryan esq.
Sheriff of Carteret.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Stochet

2nd July, 1813.

Sir,

I transmit to you seven commissions for the 2nd Regiment appointed conformably to your recommendation

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Lt. Colo Stochet,
of the 2nd Regt.

P.S.

I will thank you to let me know the first name of Captain Norwood. By mistake it is not mentioned on the Register.

DH

From the Governor to Majr. Nathl. A. Ware.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 3rd July, 1813.

I received your letter of the 22nd ultº a few days ago, and thank you for the information it communicates.

Mr. Gray was appointed a Justice of the Quorum in the place of Mr. Holliday on the 29th of May, and Mr. Posey was determined upon as a fit person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Hooks. Mr. Carraway has been appointed the Chief Justice of the Orphans Court. His commission and Mr. Posey's will be forwarded by Mr. Hamilton. Captain Norwood will be appointed to succeed you. His commission would have been transmitted by the present opportunity, but thro' some mistake his first name Lay is not to be found upon the Register. I have written to Colo Stochet (to whom I have transmitted several commissions for the second Regiment) to furnish me with the Captain's first name.

Majr. Nathl. A. Ware.

I have &c.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to James Carraway esq.

Town of Washington, 3rd July, 1813.

Sir,

I inclose to you a commission as Chief Justice of this Asylum County, which I request you may accept. I also transmit to you an authority to administer oaths of office.

I am &c,

James Carraway esq.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Governor Claiborne.

Town of Washington, 5th July 1813.

Sir

I inclose to your Excellency an affidavit made by David B. Cumming a citizen of this Territory. The contents of which go to prove that a certain Simon Tolls broke open the house of the Deponent, and took from thence a number of silver watches, and other articles of value. That the said Simon Tolls fled from this Territory to the County of Opelousas in the State of Louisiana, where he was taken with a part of the property, and committed to jail. In conformity with the act of Congress respecting fugitives from justice, I request that your Excellency will cause the said Simon Tolls to be delivered to such agents as may be appointed to receive him on the part of this Territory.

I have &c,

Wm C. C. Claiborne esq
Governor of Louisiana.

David Holmes.

Affidavit made the 21st day of June last

From the Governor to Brigadier Genl Flournoy.

Town of Washington, 6th July, 1812

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 28th ulto by the last mail.

The inclosed copy of a letter from the Secretary at war dated the 21st of April 1812 contains all the instructions I have received from the President respecting the militia. By these instructions I deem myself authorized to furnish, at the request of the commanding officer of this Military District, detachments in aid of the regular force whenever emergencies may arise requiring the same.

In pursuance of a requisition from Genl. Wilkinson shortly after we received the intelligence of the declaration of war, a great portion of the effective force from the counties on and near the Mississippi in this Territory was ordered into the service of the United States. When their term of service was near expiring a considerable number of them, with many others from the same District of County, entered the volunteer corps. This has very much reduced our militia force, for I am inclined to think that the population of the Territory has decreased since the declaration of war.

No quota of militia was apoyned to this Territory under the general law upon that subject

Our militia are not well armed. We shall be obliged to rely upon the United States for almost every article requisite to prepare them for the field. By the next mail you will receive from me a more detailed account of their condition. I will then give you the estimated strength of those parts of this Territory from whence it would be

proper to draw the force, if aid in addition to your present command should be required for the defence of Mobile and the adjacent County.

In the defence of this Territory, and in support of the right cause in which our County is engaged I offer to you my most cordial co-operation.

I have &c.

David Holmes.

Brig.r Genl. Pouncey.

From the Governor to Lieut. Colo. R. Wetherspoon.

Town of Washington, 7th July, 1813.

Sir,

I transmit to you three commissions conformably to your recommendation, and a commission for Ethiers Martin has been delivered to Captain Guice. You will receive herewith a commission for Joseph M. Gentry as Justice of the peace for Franklin County, which I will thank you to hand to him.

Major M. Call is considered as in service.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Lieut. Colo. R. Wetherspoon.

From the Governor to Governor Blount.

Town of Washington, 8th July, 1813.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 22nd June by the last mail. It is not usual with me to grant licences to trade with the Indians unless the person wishing to obtain permission makes application at the office, and tenders his security. Confident that in the present instance no evil can arise from a deviation from the general rule, I herewith

transmit to you a licence for General Taylor. The date and term for which the previlege is to continue are blank. The law respecting intercourse does not authorize a licence to issue for more than two years. You will also receive the form of a Bond which you must take from Mr. Taylor, with sufficient security before you deliver to him the licence. This Bond you will transmit to me by the earliest opportunity

The Governor of Pensacola has lately demanded prospects of the Town of Mobile, and the whole County of West Florida. I am inclined to think this a mere matter of form, or a gasconade on the part of his excellency. In this however I may be mistaken. It is not improbable but that the British may have an agency in the measure; if so, this business may eventuate in something serious. Should we be hard pressed in that quarter, we shall look with great confidence to the physical force, and unalloyed patriotism of Tennessee. When you see General Jackson remember me to him. I shall ever recollect him with esteem.

His Excellency,
Willie Blount
Gov.r of Tennessee.

I am &c.,
David Holmes.

From the Governor to John Brahan esq.r

Town of Washington, 9th July, 1813.

Sir,

I have been informed that you declared in the County of Madison that you had resigned your office of Justice of Decrums, and that you refused to act in that capacity. In consequence of this information, altho' I have received no communication from you upon the subject, I have appointed David Moore esq.r to supply your place.

I am &c.,
David Holmes.

John Brahan esq.r

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Perkins.

Town of Washington, July 9th, 1813.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter by Major Neal — Commissions for the gentlemen whom you have recommended were forwarded some times ago. The general rule is that the officers of the several regiments are to reside within their respective commands. The case of Major Neal is a peculiar one. He has never changed his place of residence since he moved to the County. Accidental arrangements have left him without the limits of his Battalion. His inclination however to prevent embarrassment, and to support the general rule for the organization of the militia, has induced him to resign. I write thanks you to forward to me a list of the staff officers of your regiment. It is quite probable that I shall be obliged to call upon Madison County for a quota of militia. You will therefore use your endeavours to have your Regiment in the best condition for service that circumstances will permit.

I am &c,

Lieut: Colo Perkins.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Colo Perkins.

Town of Washington, 12th July 1813.

Sir,

I have appointed John Grayson a Major in your Regiment to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Major Neal.

As it does not appear from the Register that a quarter master has been appointed to the 7th Regiment, and as in all probability that officer will soon have important duties to discharge, I have framed upon Major Neal to accept the commission.

I am &c, David Holmes

Lt. Colo Jno Perkins.

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Barnes.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 12th July, 1813.

As circumstances may soon occur which may render a call upon Madison Co. only for a quota of militia indispensable, I request that you will exert yourself to have the 16th Regiment in the best condition for service that the means within your power will permit.

By the militia law it is the duty of the field officers of the respective Regiments to recommend fit persons for company officers to the executive. Your attention to this part of your duty is required.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Lieut. Col. Barnes.

From the Governor to Mr. W. L. Andrews.

Sir,

Town of Washington, MT, 13th July, 1813.

I received your letter of the 31st of May last. The legislature of this Territory at their last session appropriated seventy five dollars for the purchase of Duane's Infantry Hand Books for the use of the militia. I therefore request that you will forward to Pittsburg as many copies of this book as seventy five dollars will purchase. Let the box containing them be directed to Nathaniel Ireish (or any other person who you may believe will attend to the business) with instructions to forward them to William Bullett Junr. Esq. of Natchez, to be delivered by them to my order. As soon as I am informed of the arrival of the books at Pittsburg I will remit to you a draft upon the bank of Washington for the money.

Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of this letter by the earliest opportunity.

I am &c,

David Holmes.

Wm W. L. Andrews,

Philadelphia.

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Perkins.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 13th July, 1813.

You will upon the receipt of this letter detail from the 7th Regiment two complete companies to be held in readiness for actual service at the shortest notice. They will be raised by voluntary offers of service, or by draft. I hope it will not be necessary in the patriotic County of Middlesex to resort to the latter mode. I have ordered Colo Burnet to detail two companies from the 16th Regiment. The four companies will form one battalion to be commanded when ordered to take the field by Major Read of the 7th Regiment. You will also detail from the 7th Regiment one quarter master to serve with the detachment.

I have &c,

David Holmes,

Lieut: Colo Perkins

Commander in chief Mil: Militia Jersey.

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Burnet.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 13th July, 1813.

You will upon the receipt of this letter detail from the 16th Regiment two complete companies to be held in readiness for actual service at the shortest notice. I have ordered Lieut: Colo Perkins to detail two companies from the 7th Regiment. The four companies will form

one Battalion to be commanded (when ordered to take the field) by Major Read of the 7th Regiment.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Lieut. Colo. Burrus,

of the 16th Regt.

P.S.

I transmit to you six blank commissions to enable you to supply vacancies in your Regiment. D.H.

From the Governor to Maj. Read.

Town of Washington, 13th July, 1813.

Sir,

You will hold yourself in readiness to take command, at the shortest notice, of the Detachment of Militia which I have ordered to be detached from the 7th and 16th Regiments.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Maj. Read.

of the 7th Regiment.

Comr in chief of the Mil. of the Misp. Terry.

From the Governor to Governor Claiborne.

Town of Washington, M.T.,

15th July, 1813.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 19th June, with the opinion of the Attg Genl of the State of Louisiana, a few days ago.

In accordance to that opinion I now transmit to you a copy of an indictment found, and a record of the trial of John W. Wood. It is probable that he may still be within the limits of the State of Louisiana. I therefore request that you will give orders to have him arrested.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Gov. Claiborne.

From the Governor to General Claiborne.

Governor Holmes presents his respects to General Claiborne and informs him that he has received important communications from Fort Stoddert, which induces him to request the General to call at the office before he leaves the neighbourhood.

20th July, 1813.

From the Governor to Lieut. Colo James Powell.

Town of Washington, 20th July, 1813.

Sir.

I inclose to you a commission as Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the 8th Regiment, and also a commission for Samuel Fee as Majr of the same Regiment.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Lt Colo James Powell
of the 8th Regiment

From the Governor to Lieut. Colo Wm Bates.

Town of Washington, 20th July, 1813.

Sir,

Conformably to your recommendation I inclose to you a second commission for the 17th Regiment and have the honor &c,

David Holmes.

Lieut. Colo Wm Bates.

From the Governor to Lieut: Col? James Callen

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 20th July, 1813

Sir,

I have lately received information, which induces me to believe that a considerable portion of the Creek indians are disposed for war with the united States, and that they are using every effort within their power, to bring the nation generally into their views. Should their party ultimately prevail, it is probable that the settlements between the Tombigbee and Alabama will be their first object of attack; in fact the whole of our eastern frontier will in some degree be exposed to their aggression. You are therefore ordered to have your Regiment in the best condition for actical service that the means within your power will permit.

You are likewise ordered to furnish such detachments from your command, to act as scouts or otherwise, in aid of the regular forces, stationed on the eastern frontier as the commanding officer thereof may require.

Upon your patriotism, courage, and vigilance I rely with the utmost confidence, and have the honor to be with the highest respect,

Your ob? S?,

David Holmes.

Lieut: Col? James Callen
of the 6th Regiment.

Com? in Chief Mil: Dep: Tenn?

A letter exactly similar to the foregoing was directed at the same time to each of the following persons, viz. Lieut: Col? Will: McGrew of the 15th Regiment, Lieutenant Col? Jas. Patton of the 9th Regiment, Lieut: Col? James Powell of the 8th Regiment, Lieut: Col? Zenon Orso of the 14th Regiment, Lieut: Col? Josiah Skinner of the 12th Regiment and Lieut: Col? William Bates of the 17th Regiment.

From the Governor to Genl Claiborne,

Sir, Town of Washington, 22nd July, 1813

My servant will deliver to you nine letters for the com-
=manders of Regiments on the eastern frontier.

I wish you a pleasant journey, and complete success in your military operations.

I have &c,

Brigadier Genl F. L. Claiborne. David Holmes.

From the Governor to William Hilldreth Esq.

Sir, Town of Washington, 22nd July, 1813.

I inclose to you a commission as Justice of the peace for Wilkinson County, and also the two recommendatory letters which accompanied the application for your appointment.

I am &c,

William Hilldreth Esq. David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Faure.

Sir, Town of Washington, 22nd July, 1813

Existing circumstances demand that you should without delay have the Regiment which you have the honor to command, in the best condition for actual service, which the means within your power will permit.

The law makes it the duty of the field officers to recommend to the Executive fit persons for company officers. To this part of your duty you are directed particularly to attend.

A rumour is in circulation that efforts are making by a part of the creek Indians who are unfriendly to the white people to prevail upon the Chactaws of the six towns to join them in a war against the United States. Any information that you may be able to

obtain in relation to this reason you will communicate

without delay.

Yours &c.,

David Holmes.

Lieut. Col. Co. Faure
of 18th Regiment.

From the Governor to General Flournoy.

Town of Washington, MS, 24th July, 1813.

Sir,

I have lately received intelligence which induces me to believe that a considerable portion of the Creek nation of Indians are hostile to the United States; and that they are now making every effort within their power to bring the nation generally into their views. I am also inclined to think that the Spanish authorities at Havana and Pensacola are unfriendly in consequence of the late act of our Government in taking possession of the Town and Fortress of Mobile. Under these impressions I have ordered the several commandants of the Regiments of militia on the Eastern frontier of this Territory to exert themselves to have their respective commands in the best condition for actual service that the means within their power will permit, and to furnish such detachments in aid of the regular troops stationed on the Eastern frontier as the commanding officer thereof may require. I have also ordered two complete companies to be held in readiness to march at the shortest notice from the County of Claiborne, to which a troop of horse can be added. They will be commanded, if called into service, by Major Reed, an experienced officer who served some time in the army of the United States.

The route for these troops to Mobile would be from Milton's Bluff, at the head of the Alabama shoals on the Tombigbee, to the cotton Gin Port on the Tombigbee, from thence by land or water as might be most advisable to Fort St. Stephens.

The establishment of a military post at the cotton Gin post as a depot for military equipments, and to facilitate the communication between the settlements on the Tombigbee and the State of Tennessee is in my opinion an object of great importance to the safety of the lower Country. One hundred men, if a tolerable work was erected, I presume, would be sufficient to maintain the position in any probable event until reinforcements could reach them from the Country above. There will be no difficulty in obtaining the consent of the Chactaws and Chickasaws to this arrangement. Should you concur with me in the opinion I entertain of its utility, I presume the Secretary able will at your instance sanction the measure.

If the British Government have had an agency in the late conduct of the Governor of Pensacola relative to his demanding the restoration of Mobile, and all that part of West Florida now in possession of the United States, or in the hostile disposition exhibited by the Creeks, the regular troops with all the aid they can receive from the Militia of this Territory, and the State of Louisiana, I apprehend, will not be more than adequate to the defence of the Country. In fact should the enemy determine to make their war active in this quarter we shall have to look to the populous states of the upper Country for assistance.

The whole of the militia of this Territory does not exceed six thousand effective men. For obvious causes it would not be safe to draw a great proportion of this force at any one time into the field.

In addition to the measures I have already taken to be prepared to aid the regular troops under your command with the Militia I can furnish a force from this part of the Territory if circumstances shall render it requisite. Two troops of cavalry, and five or six companies of Infantry could be speedily assembled at a short notice.

Gen. Flournoy. I have &c., David Holmes.

P.S. The orders to the several Commanders of Regiments on the Eastern frontier to furnish detachments in aid of the regular troops were transmitted by Brigadier Gen. Claiborne who left this place on Thursday last.

D H.

From the Governor to the Secretary at War.

Town of Washington, 26th July, 1813.

Sir,

I have this day drawn a bill upon you for seventy five dollars in favour of David Berry, being the amount of his salary as interpreter to the Chactaw Indians, for the quarter ending with the last day of the last month.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Hon.ble John Armstrong,
Secretary at War.

From the Governor to Judge Toulmin.

Town of Washington, 26th July, 1813.

Dear Sir)

I received your letter of the 5th instant as usual a considerable time after its date. The information it contains alarmed me for the perilous situation of our Eastern frontier. I have done, and will continue to do every thing within the scope of my power for its defence. My instructions from the war department are in general terms to furnish detachments of militia in aid of the regular troops, if emergencies should require the same. On the 6th of this month I wrote to General Flournoy (in answer to a letter that I had previously received from him) and inclosed to him a copy of my instructions, expressing at the same time my earnest and sincere wish to co-operate with him in the defence of the Country. I informed him that I still considered myself bound by my instructions which were given while General Wilkinson was in command. I have written to him again this day, and informed him that I can furnish from this part of the Territory at a short notice, if circumstances should require it, six companies of Infantry, and two troops of cavalry.

General Claiborne left this place on Thursday last. By him I forwarded orders to the several commandants of Regiments on the waters of the Pascagoula and Pearl River. A copy of the letter of orders is herewith transmitted. If any circumstances should prevent General Claiborne from carrying before them reaches you I will thank you to communicate the orders to the Colonels to who in the original was directed.

My anxiety for the safety of the citizens in your part of the Territory is at present so great that I am determined to call out a force from the Counties on the Mississippi without delay to act as circumstances may require, or to be placed under the command of General Flournoy when I received his requisition. You may be assured, Sir, that it will not be long before you shall have all the aid that it is in my power to afford you. It is true I shall incur a considerable pecuniary risk in equipping a detachment of militia for the field, who are destitute of almost every article requisite for actual service; but this consideration does not weigh with me when I consider the danger to which our citizens are exposed.

Honble
Harry Toulmin.

I have &c,
David Holmes.

P.S.

Before Genl. Claiborne left this place I apprized him of the danger to be apprehended from the Creek Indians, and communicated to him the orders I had given to the Commandants on the Eastern frontier. He promised to station a part of the volunteers in the fork, and to afford all the protection to the inhabitants within his power.

D.H.

From the Governor to General Flournoy.

Town of Washington, 26th July, 1813.

Sir,

I wrote to you this morning. After sending the letter to the post office I received the important information contained in the copies and extracts of letters herewith transmitted. I am induced to believe that the Creek Indians are at this moment engaged in active hostility against our settlements on the Tombigbee. So strong is the impression upon my mind that I am determined to call out as speedily as possible the force which I stated to you could be raised at a short notice in the Mississippi Counties.

If the Chactaws are determined to take a part with the Creeks, which I cannot thoroughly believed, we shall require the services of every man in this quarter of the Territory who is able to take the field in order to defend our families and homes.

Brigadier Genl. Tho: Flournoy.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Secretary at War.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 27th July, 1813.

I received information last evening which induces me to believe that the Creek Indians are now engaged in active hostilities against the United States. For some time it was doubtful whether the party who were disposed for war would gain the ascendency, but it now appears from the most credible sources of intelligence that the question is settled. The principal Chiefs who were in favour of remaining upon a friendly footing with the United States have been compelled either to surrender to their opponents, or to leave the nation. Col.

Hawkins has been obliged to retire to Georgia. Under these circumstances I shall, in addition to the measures I have already taken, order into service six companies of infantry and two troops of cavalry to aid the regular forces to protect the inhabitants of the Eastern frontier of our Territory. I deem this measure indispensable to the safety of our settlements upon the Mobile, as I do not believe that the regular troops there, with the militia of the neighbouring Counties are adequate to the defence of the Country. In fact if the British Government are determined (as we have every reason to believe they are) to assist the Indians through Pensacola with arms, ammunition, and men we shall have to receive aid from the State of Tennessee.

To shew the course that I have taken I transmit to you a copy of my letter of orders to the Commanders of Regiments on the Eastern frontier, and a letter to Brigadier Genl Flournoy.

Hon. Ble John Armstrong, Secretary of War

I have &c,
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Mr. Peter P. Pollard.

Sir, Town of Washington, 29th July, 1813.

This is to inform you that your commission as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Adams is revoked.

David Holmes.

Mr. Peter P. Pollard.

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From the Governor to Judge Toulmin.

Town of Washington, 29th July, 1813.

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you on the 26th inst and by mail, since then I have received yours of the 12th. Since receiving intelligence that dispels almost every hope of avoiding a Creek war, we must therefore prepare to meet the event in the best way that our means will permit. It will be impracticable for any army that we can possibly bring into the field to protect completely the settlements on the frontier against scalking parties of Indians, who can attack them at different points, and retire to the wilderness when pressed by a superior force. Block Houses and places inclosed by ~~surrounded~~ with Pickets form the safest defence for the inhabitants against this mode of warfare, and can be speedily erected. A sufficient number should be constructed at convenient distances to contain all the families who may be exposed to the incursions of the savages.

The 3rd Regiment of the United States infantry are expected here on tomorrow. It is said that they have orders to march from this place to the State of Ohio, but this is mere rumour. I think it possible that the commanding officer may have received orders to take the route through the Creek nation, if they are to proceed by land. I sincerely wish this may be the case.

Hon.ble
Harry Toulmin

Yrs &c.
David Holmes.

From the Governor to John Rodney.

Town of Washington, 1st August, 1813.

Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd ult. was handed to me this morning by express.

You recollect that when I had the pleasure of being at your house I had appointed to meet with Major Morgan of Hancock. I there refused to accept his resignation and suspended upon him the necessity of recommending fit persons to be appointed company officers. Since then I have received no communication from either Col. Fenn or Major Morgan on the 22nd inst and I write to the former directing him to have his Regiment in the best condition for actual service that the means within his power would permit, and expressly ordering him to recommend company officers. The absence of Col. Fenn at Mobile, and his subsequent death, I suppose was the cause why my orders to Major Morgan in the first instance was not attended to. I suppose he wished to consult the Colonel. This is the only tolerable reason that can be assigned for his neglect.

I now transmit to you twelve military commissions, the names are left blank, which I will thank you to deliver to Major Morgan, and to advise with him in filling them up. If he refuses to act I must request you to consult with some of the most respectable people of Putnam in the County or to the persons whom it would be proper to appoint, and to fill up the commissions accordingly; or if you are acquainted with a sufficient number of characters You may act without consulting any one, for in your judgment and discretion I have the utmost confidence.

If the Chactaws should take a part with the Creeks, and become troublesome in your neighbourhood, I would recommend to the inhabitants to erect block houses, or to picket in their towns at

convenient distances. There would form a safe defence against small parties of Indians, and might hold out for some time against a considerable force

The inhabitants of Tombigbee, I fear are in a distressing situation. Whatever is in my power shall be speedily afforded for their relief and protection. I must ask you to write to me by every mail while the danger exists.

I am &c, David Holmes.

John Ford esq.

P.S.

The third Regiment of Infantry are now at Natchez. I will endeavour to prevail on the commanding officer to march by Mobile. They are ordered to Washington City.

D.H.

From the Governor to Lieut. Colo. Nixon

Sir, Town of Washington, 1st August, 1813.

I have received information which convinces me that the Creek nation of Indians are determined upon war with the United States, and that they are endeavouring to prevail upon some of the lower towns Chactaws to join them. You are therefore ordered to have your Regiment in the best condition for actual service that the means within your power will permit.

You will order the companies of your Regiment to muster frequently, and direct the officers and men to be on the alert to discover any hostile attempt on the part of the Indians. It is by no means certain that the Creeks will succeed in prevailing on the lower town Chactaws to take a part with them. They are not

therefore to be treated as enemies until their intentions are ascertained satisfactorily as entertained.

Upon your patriotism, courage, and vigilance I rely with confidence, and have &c.,

Lieutenant Colo. George H. Nixon

David Holmes. Commander in Chief Mil: Mis: Terry.

From the Governor to Judge Toulmin.

Dear Sir, Town of Washington, 1st August, 1873.

Your letter dated the 26th July was handed to me this morning by express. It is the only letter that I have received from you within a reasonable time of its date. I most sensibly feel for the distressing situation of the inhabitants of your quarter of the Country. I confidently believed that the regular troops stationed in the Eastern frontier would have afforded all the aid within their power to the exposed settlements, and that in conjunction with the militia they would have been enabled to protect the inhabitants as far as it is practicable to protect a people scattered over an extensive Country, against the Indian mode of warfare. Of General Flournoy's disposition to do every thing within the scope of his power and authority to defend the Country I am perfectly satisfied, and it gives me pleasure to hear that he was expected at Mobile when your letter was written. General Blackburne, I presume, is now at Fort Stoddert with a part of his detachment. He will be able, if reinforced by the militia, to afford considerable protection to the inhabitants immediately on the frontier.

In my last letter I stated to you that the third Regiment was ordered at Natchez on the 30th ultimo. If they not yet arrived we look for them this evening.

I understand that they have orders to proceed to the Big
ington from this place by land. If the commanding officer has any
discretionary authority as to the route, I am in hopes that I shall be
able to prevail upon him to march by Fort Stoddert. Nothing
within my power shall remain undone to effect this object.
If the 3rd Regiment cannot be ordered to your assistance we must
afford you all the militia that can be spared from this quarter.
In the mean while I rest satisfied that General Flournoy will
order up a part of the regular force from Mobile to your assistance.

Honble Harry Toulmin. I am &c,

David Holmes.

P.S. I have this moment been informed that the 3rd Regiment is
at Natchez. By tomorrow's mail you will again hear from me.
I write you on the 26th and 29th.

D H

From the Governor to General Flournoy.

Sir, Town of Washington, 2nd August, 1813.

Since my letter to you of the 26th ult. I have heard that
you were expected at Mobile some days ago; this letter will therefore be
directed to the care of Judge Toulmin at Fort Stoddert. Your present
position will enable you to judge of the real danger to be apprehended
from the hostilities of the Creeks. For my own part I am convinced
from information recently received, that it is all important to the safety
of this Territory, and the State of Louisiana, that a bold effort should
be made by all the forces within our power to put an end to the
contest in its incipient state; otherwise we may calculate upon
being ultimately compelled to contend with almost the whole force of

the Southern Savages. Already is it apprehended, and upon tolerable good grounds, that the lower Chactaws are disposed to join the Creeks. The Chiefs of the upper Chactaws and Chickasaws are, I believe, faithful in their professions of friendship, but they hold their power by a slender cord. The great body of both nations are wretchedly poor, and may be induced to follow the example of insurrection set them by the Creeks, in hopes of bettering their situation, and with a conviction that they cannot lose much by the attempt. Our enemy, the British, will leave no means untried to bring about such a state of things, and should they succeed in involving us with the Indian tribes generally we may then expect to see a force from the West Indies which I fear will be more than competent, in conjunction with the Indians and Spaniards, to cope with the regular troops under your command and all the militia we can bring into the field. On the other hand if the Creeks are promptly checked, and severely chastised for their conduct, we shall have nothing to dread from the other tribes, and our enemy will be disconcerted in his plans. So deeply is the truths of these sentiments impressed upon my mind, and so anxious am I for the safety of our citizens on the frontiers, that I am determined to make every effort within the scope of my authority to aid in bringing the Creek war to a speedy termination.

Col. Constant with the 2d Regiment I am informed will be at Natchez this day. I understand that he has received orders to march from this place to Winchester in Virginia. The direct route is through the Chactaws and Chickasaws to Nashville in Tennessee. I intend to request him to stop by Fort Stoddert, and through

the Creek nation. Whether he will consider himself authorized to [illegible] with this request I cannot say, but I ~~thoroughly~~ thoroughly believe that the Regiment could not render a more important service to the United States than by making this movement, supported with a part of the volunteer corps, and about two hundred mounted militia, which I will furnish. They would be mustered, I am confident, in the present stage of the war, to compell the Indians to submit to any terms that might be dictated. The Regiment will probably remain here ten or twelve days. If I assume you [illegible] the power of ordering the Col. to take the route I have mentioned, but from the irregularity of the mail it is probable that he will have set out on his march before this letter reaches you. I shall most willingly take any responsibility that can [illegible] attach to me, if the Col.o complies with my request I shall issue orders immediately to bring out a portion of the militia. Two troops of Dragoons, will be in readiness to march in a few days. I am without almost every article of equipment and it will be difficult to procure them. Be pleased to let me hear from you by the earliest opportunity.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Brig. Gen.l Tho.s Flournoy.

From the Governor to Judge Toulmin.

My dear Sir, Town of Washington, 3rd August, 1813.

I enclose to you a letter for General Flournoy, which I write thanks you to forward to him by the earliest opportunity. It will not be long before I shall set out for Fort Stoddert.

Yours sincerely,

Hon.ble Harry Toulmin. David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Secretary of War.

Sir. Town of Washington, Mi. T. 3rd Augt., 1813

By an express that arrived here on Sunday last the following intelligence was communicated in a letter from Judge Toulmin. The war party in the Creek nation had gained a complete ascendancy. About three hundred of them marched to Pensacola where they were furnished by the Governor of that place with ammunition, notwithstanding that he was apprized of their intention to make war upon the United States. The mail carrier was surrounded by a party of Indians who took the mail, and afterwards fired at him, and killed his horse. He escaped on foot. The mail was taken by the Indians to Pensacola, and delivered to the Governor, who proposed sending it to Mobile, to which the Indians would not consent. He afterwards concluded to send it to New Orleans.

I inclose to you a paper containing a copy of a letter from Mushulatabee, a chief of the Chactaws friendly to the United States. The facts therein stated may be relied upon. They go to shew that a part of the Chactaws are disposed to join the Creeks.

In general the nation is friendly, but if the war with the Creeks is not shortly terminated the lower towns, and then many warriors of the upper towns will be employed. At present they could be engaged to act on the side of the United States.

I am informed that the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colo Constant is now at Natchez.

I have &c,

Gen[l] John Armstrong.
Secretary at War.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Mr Turner Brashears.

Sir;

Town of Washington, 3rd August, 1813.

I wrote to you on the 26th of June, and inclosed to you a letter for the Mingo Puckshannubbia on the subject of the Indian that was found dead near Natchez. Since then I have not heard from you. There is a report here that a part of the Chactaws are disposed to join the Creeks in the war against the United States. Although I have the utmost confidence in the friendship of the Chiefs, yet some warriors may possibly hearken to bad advice. I wish you to obtain all the information you can upon this subject, and communicate it to me.

If you see proper attach a canoe with him purchase and endeavour to obtain from him the feelings of his people in relation to the conduct of the Creeks.

I am &c,

Mr Turner Brashears

David Holmes

From the Governor to the Agent for the Contractors

Town of Washington, 4th August, 1813.

Sir,

I wish you to inform me whether you can furnish in the course of eight or ten days provisions for a detachment of Militia consisting of five hundred men.

When ordered into service they will rendezvous at Liberty in Amite County. A part will be at this place for two or three days. From Liberty they will march to Fort Stoddert, and will require fifteen days provisions to supply them on the march. I wish to receive the information this day.

Yr. &c., David Holmes.

Mr. Bowman,
Agent to the Contractor.

From the Governor to Colo. Constantine.

Town of Washington, 5th August, 1813.

Sir,

The perilous situation of the inhabitants on the Eastern frontier of this Territory, and my anxiety for their safety, induces me thus early to address you.

Information from unquestionable sources has been received which states that the Creek Indians are in open hostility against the United States; that a great number of them have been furnished with ammunition by the Governor of Pensacola, with the knowledge on his part that it was to be used against our citizens. Acts of hostility have already been committed on the road leading to Georgia, and I expect every moment to hear that they have attacked the settlements on Tombigbee.

It is apprehended, and upon good grounds, that a

considerable number of Chactaws nile join the enemy, vigorous measures are taken to put an end to the war in its infant state.

These important circumstances determined me to call out a portion of the Militia from the Counties on the Mississippi. On the 26th ultimo I acquainted Genl Flournoy with this determination and informed him that I could bring into the field in a short time six companies of Infantry, and two troops of Dragoons. I calculate upon being supplied with arms, tents, camp equipage, forage &c by the proper officers of the United States army; in fact I have no other resources from which they can be obtained. I must therefore request that you will inform me whether they can be furnished from the quarter masters department with such equipments stores as the detachment may require, conformably to the regulations of the War Department, or whether any, and what part of them, can be furnished.

The deep interest which I take in the safety of our citizens on the frontier induces me to ask you whether your Regiment is destined to act against the creeks.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Colo Constant

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Nixon.

Town of Washington, 6th August, 1813.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive by express your letter of the 2d and 3rd inst: The course which you have adopted for the protection of the inhabitants on the frontier of your County is approved. Although a part

of the Chactaws may be prevailed upon to join the Creeks, yet the great body of the nation I am induced to believe will remain friendly to the United States. It is important therefore that you should attend to the injunctions contained in my letter of the 1st inst., that is to avoid any hostile outbreak from whom you have no cause to believe are inimical to the white people. You will continue to be vigilant, and to pursue the course you have taken until you receive further orders.

Within a few days I expect the 3rd Regiment of the United States infantry will march from this place to Fort Stoddert. I shall endeavour to procure ammunition and forward it to you. At present there is none subject to my orders.

I inclose to you a commission for Capt. McGowan.

Lieut. Colo. Geo. H. Nixon

I am &c,
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Colo Constant

Sir,

Town of Washington 6th August, 1813.

I have had the honor to receive your letter of this morning. As the Asst. Dep. Quarter Master cannot furnish equipments for the detachments of militia which it was my intention to call out without delay, I must ask your attention to that part of your letter where you state that in cases of emergency you hold your Regiment in readiness to act against the enemies of the Country upon your own responsibility. Important information in addition to that I communicated to you yesterday was received last night by express. The letters state in general terms that the troops on Tombigbee have been defeated by the Indians. Upon conversing with the person who was the bearer of the dispatches I was induced to believe that the intelligence related to a detachment of militia consisting of one hundred and eighty men commanded by Colo Carlisle who

marched from the settlements to intercept a party of [redacted] Indians returning from Pensacola. The communication does not enter into detail, and I may be mistaken in the opinion that hostile conflict was engaged. Confident I am that some considerable disaster has happened. I presume, Sir, that this occurrence creates an emergency upon which you may safely act, and that you will consider yourself justified in marching your Regiment to the eastern frontier with all possible expedition. I will willingly take upon myself any responsibility that can attach to me for advising the movement.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Col.o Constant.

From the Governor to Major P. Hill.

Town of Washington, 7.th Augt, 1813.

Sir,

I have to request that you will call at the office to morrow. I wish to see you upon business which respects the battalion of Militia you have the honor to command.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Majr. P. Hill.

Sir,

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, Augt 8.th, 1813.

Upon the receipt of this letter you will immediately cause to be detached from your Regiment for actual service, one complete company, to consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four corporals, and sixty privates. When the detail is completed you will have the company mustered, and transmit to me the muster Roll without delay. You will notify

the officers and privates to be in readiness to march at the shortest notice. I expect they will be called into service as soon as I am informed that you have complied with this order. The company will be raised by voluntary offers of service or by draft.

One of the principal objects of selecting a force at this time from the militia is to aid in protecting our inhabitants on the eastern frontier of the territory, who we have cause to believe are at this moment threatened with the incursions of the Creek Indians, encouraged and incited to savage acts of hostility by the British Government. It would be doing injustice to the character of the militia to doubt whether, under existing circumstances, they would be willing to enter the service of their Country. Patriotism - humanity - every motive of self preservation, and every honorable feeling that binds man to man demands our utmost exertions. I therefore rest confident that a laudable emulation to embark cheerfully in the cause will pervade the Regiment which you have the honor to command.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your obt Servt

David Holmes.

To the Lt Col. of the
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Regts

Commander in Chief Mil. Miss. Terr.

From the Governor to Mr. John Walker.

Town of Washington, 9th Augt, 1873.

Sir,

The troop of cavalry formerly commanded by Capt: Butler is dissolved - You will therefore consider your commission of Cornet of the same as revoked.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Mr. John Walker.

From the Governor to the Secretary at War.

Town of Washington, 10th August, 1873.

Sir,

On yesterday evening an express arrived here from General Blackburne, who is now at Fort Stoddert. A copy of his letter (which is herewith transmitted) will present to you the perilous situation of the inhabitants on the eastern frontier of this Territory. In my last letter ~~to you~~ I stated to you that I intended to order out six companies of Infantry, and two troops of cavalry from the militia in this quarter, to aid in defending the settlements on Tombigbee. These troops would have been assembled by this time if I could have been provided with the necessary equipment, and funds for their support. Upon application to Col: Constable, the commanding officer at Cantonment Washington, I ascertained that nothing could be had except muskets without accoutrements, and that the assistant dep: Quarter Master was not authorized to purchase, or to furnish forage for the cavalry.

Under these circumstances I shall be compelled to

draw upon you for money in order to prepare a force to take the field.

I have &c

Hon.ble John Armstrong.
Secretary at War.

David Holmes.

Genl Orders. Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 10th Augt, 1813.

The Adams Troops will hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice. They will be called into service as soon as arrangements are made for their accomodation.

David Holmes.
Comr in Chief Mil: Misp: Terry.

From the Governor to Lieut: Col: Stockett

Sir, Town of Washington, 11th August, 1813.

If you possibly can raise a company of mounted Infantry in place of the company of foot which you were directed to have selected from your Regiment by an order of the 8th inst. I would greatly prefer them. Forty privates, who will volunteer their services, and furnish themselves with horses, will be accepted as the quota of your Regiment. If they cannot be obtained you will proceed to execute the order of the 8th in the usual manner.

I have the honor to be with great respect,
y/r ob.t Serv.t,
David Holmes.
Comr in chief Mil: Misp: Terry.

Lieut: Col: Stockett.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, N.C.

General Orders. 1873.

The Amite troop of cavalry, commanded by Capt. Dunn, will hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice. They will be called into service as soon as the requisite supplies for their accommodation can be provided.

David Holmes.

Comdr in chief Mil: Msp: Terry.

A similar order with the foregoing was issued by the Comdr in chief to the Wilkinson Troop.

From the Governor to Capt: Dunn.

Town of Washington, 11th August, 1873.

Sir,

I transmit to you an order respecting the troop of cavalry which you have the honor to command. Your immediate attention to it is required. The enclosed letter to Col. Nelson you are requested to forward as soon as possible.

I have &c,
David Holmes.

Capt: Dunn.

From the Governor to Lieut: Col. Nelson.

Town of Washington, 11th August, 1873.

Sir,

By an order of the 8th inst: you were directed to have selected from your Regiment two complete companies of Infantry. I have since then concluded to order from Amite County the cavalry commanded by Capt: Dunn, and but one company of Infantry. You will therefore have raised one complete company of Infantry,

instead of two, as directed by the order. You will order them to hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice.

David Holmes.

Lieut. Co. C. Nelson.

Comd. in chief Mil. Mis. Terry.

From the Governor to Anthony Campbell.

Town of Washington, 11th August, 1813.

Sir,

You are hereby informed that your commission as Lieutenant of the 3rd Regiment of the militia of the Mississippi Territory is revoked.

David Holmes.

Mr. Anthony Campbell.

From the Governor to Maj. Hill.

Town of Washington, 11th August, 1813.

Sir,

I transmit to you four commissions conformably to your recommendation of yesterday. Inclosed is a letter to Mr. Anthony Campbell which I will thank you to deliver to him.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

Maj. Hill.

From the Governor to Mr. George Farragut.

Town of Washington, 11th August, 1813

Sir,

I transmit to you a commission as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Jackson which I request you to accept.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

George Farragut Esq.

Similar letters accompanied commissions of Justices of the Peace sent at same time to Benjamin Lanier of Jackson, and Thomas Hinds of Hancock.

General Orders. Head Quarters, Town of Washington,
11th August, 1813.

The troops of Cavalry commanded by Captain Bonds will hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice. They will be called into service as soon as the requisite supplies for their accommodations can be provided.

David Holmes.

Comdr in chief Mil: Misp: Terry

From the Governor to Brigadier Genl Claiborne

Town of Washington, 11th August, 1813.

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th instant with the papers therein mentioned, was handed to me by Doct: Claiborne on monday evening last. He informs me that the express will set out on tomorrow. I regret much to hear of the defeat of the troops under Colo Caller, as it will certainly excite the Indians to daring acts of hostility. I knew nothing of the movement of Colo Caller until after he had taken the field; in fact I could not have been informed before the object he had in view would have been out of his reach. Of the hostile intentions of a considerable portion of the Creek Indians I have entertained no doubt for some time past, but the manner in which their first affair has terminated is truly unfortunate. I expected that upon the appearance of real danger from the Indians that a part of the regular troops would have been ordered to the aid of the regular frontier inhabitants, but I suppose they could not be spared from the positions which they were ordered to defend.

I am busily engaged in preparing a force to march to the eastern frontier, and under circumstances really perplexing. The Territory is proper no munitions of war of any kind. At the post

near this place I can procure nothing but muskets without accoutrements, and a few indifferent tents. For camp equipage, ammunition, forage, medical stores, transportation &c. I have to rely upon funds to be raised by my own exertions. I had ordered before I received your letter six companies of Infantry, and two troops of Dragoons, to be detailed from the Counties of Claiborne, Jefferson, Adams, Wilkinson, and Amite. The order has been altered. It will now consist of four troops of Dragoons, one of mounted Infantry (if practicable to be raised), and four companies of Infantry.

The detachment will rendezvous at Liberty in Amite as soon as provisions and arms can be forwarded to that place. I expect we shall be able to march in ten or twelve days from this time.

I am only wish it was in my power to forward the arms which the citizens on the frontier require, but you know that every discription of military equipment is under the control of the command-ing General of the District, to whom I wish you had applied. The commander of the post here has promised me as many muskets as will furnish the Infantry of the Detachment I am about to send to your assistance. I presume it would be more expeditious to have arms transported from Orleans by Mobile than from this quar-ter, for the use of the inhabitants on the frontier, but if I had the means I would not hesitate to comply with your request.

Col. Constant, with the 3rd Regiment is at the Cantonment Washington, where he is to remain until further orders.

I am &c.

Brigadier Genl. Jers. L. Claiborne. David Holmes.

From the Governor to Brigadier Gen.l Flowny.

Jour. of Washington, 12th August, 1813.

Sir,

I have issued orders for a detachment of militia from the Counties on the Mississippi to be held in readiness to march at the shortest notice. I presume you consider that emergencies have arisen requiring a force in addition to the regular troops under your command. Upon this presumption, and the urgency of the occasion as apparent to me, I have acted. I should have written to you by the express from Genl. Constant, but understood that he was not to leave Natchez until the day after he left this place. The detachment will consist of four troops of Dragoons, one of mounted Infantry, if practicable to be raised, and four companies of common infantry.

I stated to you in a former letter that I was without any kind of equipment. Upon application to the commanding officer at Cantonment Washington I have ascertained that I can be furnished with nothing but muskets without accoutriments, and afew indifferent tents. To delay the troops until ammunition, camp equipage &c could be sent from Orleans would be to abandon the object of calling them out. I shall therefore endeavour to provide such articles as may be indispensably requisite, and order the troops to rendezvous at Liberty in Amite County.

I have &c,

Brigadier Genl. Flowny. David Holmes.

P.S.

I wrote to you on the 6th 24th & 26th July, and 2nd instant, but have not had the pleasure to hear from you.

D H

From the Governor to Mr. John Ford.

Town of Washington, 12th August, 1813.

Dear Sir,

I have had the pleasure to receive your letters by mail, and by Doct Claiborne.

I am making every effort within my power to prepare a detachment of militia to take the field, I am in hopes that we shall be able to rendezvous at Liberty in Amite County about the 20th inst. If you have an opportunity of forwarding the inclosed letter to the Bay of St. Louis be pleased to retain it—if not deliver it to the express, and instruct him to deliver it to General Claiborne.

I am &c

Mr. John Ford. David Holmes.

Sir, Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 13th August, 1813.

From information that I have received it is more than probable that the Creek Indians are determined to make war upon the United States, and that they are endeavouring to prevail upon some of the lower Towns Chactaws to join them. You are therefore ordered to have your Regiment in the best condition for actual service that the means within your power will permit. You will order the companies to muster frequently, and direct the officers and men to be on the alert.

It is by no means certain that the Creeks will succeed in seducing any considerable number of the Chactaws from the friendly course which they have heretofore observed towards the United States; on the other hand I believe the attempt will fail, they ought therefore to be treated as friends until they evince by their acts hostile intentions.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your obt

David Holmes.

Comdg 1st Brigd Mil: Miss. Terry

Col. Wetherspoon

2d Brigade

3 L. 2.

From the Governor No Lt Colo Hicks.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 17th August, 1813.

Sir,

From information which I have received it is more than probable that the Creek Indians are determined to make war upon the United States. You are therefore ordered to have your Regiment in the best condition for actual service that the means within your power will permit. You will order the companies to muster frequently, and direct the officers and men to be on the alert — Fully upon your courage, patriotism, and vigilance I

I have &c

David Holmes.

Lt Colo Hicks

Comdg on chief mil: disp: Jersey

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Caradine

Town of Washington, 17th August, 1813.

Sir,

I inclose to you an order of the 8th inst: which I believe has been heretofore forwarded to you, but I am not certain that you received it.

I am &c,

David Holmes.

Lt Colo Caradine

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Caradine.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 19th August, 1813.

Sir,

You will order Lieutenant Blair to muster the rifle company of the 4th Regiment, and to report to you the number of officers and privates. You will likewise order them to be held in readiness for actual service. This duty you will attend to after the Gov: order of the 8th has been executed.

I have &c David Holmes.

Lieut: Colo Caradine.

Comdr in chief Mil: disp: Jersey

From the Governor to Captain Sinds.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 19th August, 1813.

Sir,

You will order the troop of cavalry which you have the honor to command to hold themselves in readiness for actual service. You will also transmit to me by the earliest opportunity a return of the strength of the corps, including the number and condition of the swords and pistols, distinguishing such as are the property of the United States from those belonging to individuals of the troop.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Com.d in chief Mil. Miss. Terry

Capt. Sinds
of the Jefferson Troop.

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Stockett.

Sir, Town of Washington, 20th August, 1813.

I have had the honr. to receive your letter of the 18th instant, with the returns of the company draughted from the 2d Regt. Persons exempted by law in virtue of office, profession, or age ought not to have been draughted, and if errors have been committed in this respect they must be discharged. Those who claim to be exempted for disability cannot be released but by a court ~~martial~~ martial. They will have to continue until regularly mustered out.

I have authorized a rifle company to be organized in your Regiment. The following officers have been appointed. Jeremiah Dorsey Capt., Joseph Thomas Lieutenant, and Vines L. Collier Ensign.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Lieut. Col. Stockett.

P.S. The rifle corps are to serve wherever, and whenever they may be ordered &c.

From the Governor to Lt. Col. Wilkinson.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 21st Augt, 1863

Sir,

I wrote to you on the 13th inst. but being doubtful whether you received my letter I now enclose to you a copy. From recent information I am induced to believe that the Cherokees will not be able to make any unfriendly inroads upon the lower Town Chactaws. You will however attend to the orders which my letter of the 13th inst: contains.

I have &c.,

Lt. Col. Wilkinson

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lieut: Col. Regan.

Town of Washington, 24th August, 1863.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst: By adverting to the general order of the 8th inst. you will perceive that the company ordered to be detached from your Regiment, were not to be embodied at Fort Gibson and there to await further orders. You were required to have them detailed and mustered, and to transmit the muster Roll to me. If therefore the company shall have undergone at Fort Gibson when you receive this letter you will order them to return to their homes, but to hold themselves in readiness for actual service at the shortest notice. The observations in your letter respecting the exposed situation of Blackbone County have with me their just weight. The troops will not be ordered from thence but upon the most urgent necessity.

I am &c.,

Lieut: Col. Regan
of the 5th Regiment

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Robt Andrews esqr.

Town of Washington, 24th August, 1813.

Sir,

I wish you to inform me whether any of the arms that were forwarded by General Wilkinson for the use of the corps of this Territory are still in your possession, or whether they have been sent to Orleans. I want about fifteen to complete the equipment of a troop in Jefferson County.

Robt Andrews esq.
a/s. to dep.y quartermaster

I am &c,
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Captain Daniel Burnet.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 26th August, 1813.

I transmit to you a commission as Capt. of the corps of exempts for Claiborne County, and also a commission for Moses Shelby as Lieut. of the same.

From the best information I have been able to procure I am induced to believe that the Chactaws will remain in friendship with the United States. But in times of war events are uncertain. Every corps should therefore be prepared to act when an occasion may call for their services. I rely with confidence upon your patriotism, and

Capt. Burnet of the
corps of exempts,
Claiborne County.

have the honor &c,
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Mr. John B. Taylor.

Sir, Town of Washington, 28th August, 1813.

I was informed a few days ago that you had not availed yourself of the privileges which the laws of naturalization offer to aliens to become citizens of the United States. The result of enquiries made after this information was communicated has satisfied me that the fact was correctly stated. Under such circumstances you cannot legally hold the office of cornet in the Adams troop, and your commission of cornet must be revoked. In making to you this communication I am influenced by a sense of justice to declare that no part of your conduct as an officer, so far as it has come under my observation, has been in the least degree reprehensible; on the other hand I have been satisfied from representations made by the Captain of the troop that you have used your utmost exertions to render the corps respectable and useful to the County.

I am &c.,

Mr. John B. Taylor. David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Secretary of War.

Sir, Town of Washington, 30th August, 1813.

In my letters of the 27th July and 10th inst. I informed you that it was my determination to order out a force from the militia of this quarter of the Territory to aid in the defence of the eastern frontier, which I believed to be in danger of an attack from the Creek Indians. I then supposed that General Flournoy was authorized to call for detachments of militia within the limits of his command, and that on

addition to his regular force would be acceptable. Orders were given for the corps of cavalry to prepare to march at the shortest notice, and a few companies of infantry were directed to hold themselves in readiness for actual service. After these measures were taken I received a letter from Genl Flournoy (a copy of which is inclosed) stating that he was not authorized to call for detachments of militia, of course the force which had been designated could not enter the service of the United States without an order to that effect from the President. The Territory has not the funds requisite to furnish camp equipage, forage, and ammunition without which troops cannot be marched to a distant part of the Country. For this reason, and as the General has not expressed an opinion that an additional force will be requisite from this quarter, I shall not embody the troops until I receive further information upon the subject

Some time in July last the citizens on Tombigbee received information that a party of unfriendly Creeks consisting of about three hundred had gone to Pensacola for the purpose of procuring arms and ammunition to be used against the frontier inhabitants. About one hundred and eighty citizens placed themselves under the command of Colo Caller of the militia, with the intention to intercept them upon their return. They came upon about forty Indians at a place called the Wolf path, and immediately commenced an attack. The Indians returned the fire, and in a short time all Colo Caller's party except about twenty or thirty accepted safety by flight. The few that remained maintained the contest with bravery. By the aid of a half breed Indian, who acted with the whites, the ammunition, and some clothing which the party had procured at Pensacola were taken,

and secured. The expedition was irregular and unauthorized, but I am confident that there existed good grounds to believe that the Indians meditated an attack upon the settlements.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Hon.ble John Armstrong,
Secretary at War.

From the Governor to Brig.r General Flournoy.

Town of Washington, 30.th August 1813

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 6.th instant.

As you are not authorized to call for militia it will be out of my power to equip and support upon the march the detachment which I intended should aid in protecting the inhabitants on the eastern frontier. The Territory has not the requisite funds to purchase camp equipage, forage, and transportation, without which troops cannot be marched to a distant part of the country. When I informed you that I was about to prepare and march a detachment to the Tombigbee I contemplated that the troops would be considered as in the service of the United States, and of course furnished by the Government with the usual allowance for equipment and support.

Four troops of dragoons, one company of mounted riflemen, and four companies of infantry are now under orders to be in readiness to march at the shortest notice. The whole, or any part of this force, will be furnished upon your requisition without delay. I understand that you have ordered the 7.th Regiment to join the troops stationed on the frontier. It is probable therefore that none but mounted men would be required from that part of the Territory. I presume you will be authorized by the Secretary at War to call for militia whenever circumstances may in your opinion require their services.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Brig.r Gen.l Flournoy.

From the Governor to Judge Toulmin.

Dear Sir,

Town of Le Catahoula, 3rd. Sept., 1813.

Your letter of the 27th. ult. was handed to me yester-day evening by the express.

When I wrote to you last I expected ere this time to have been at Fort Stoddert with a force that would have afforded some protection to the inhabitants on the frontier. The delay has been to me a source of much mortification and real distress. In pursu-ance of a determination which I communicated to you, and to General Claiborne, of marching a force with all possible expedition to your quarter of the country, I ordered four companies of infantry, and four troops of cavalry to be prepared, and held in readiness to march at the shortest notice. The order was promptly executed, and the troops were ready to march to the place of rendezvous, when I received a letter from Genl. Flournoy informing me, among other matters, that he was not authorized to call for detachments of militia that he could scarcely think that the Creeks intended to hazard a war against the United States upon the extended scale that my information held out — that if he found that the Indians were determined upon a general war ~~with them~~ he would march the 7th Regiment to the frontier.

I confess I was astonished to find that the General had no authority to call for militia. As General Wilkinson had exercised this authority when he was in command of the District. I con-templated that the militia which had been selected for the defence of the frontier inhabitants were to be considered as in the service of the United States, and that they would be recognized by General Flournoy as form-ing a part of his command. The detachment would then have been entitled to the usual allowance of campaign wages, forage, and ~~compleat~~

transportation, and if the Quarter Master General could
these articles, I should have felt my self authorized to draw upon the Treasu
at war. The Generals information changes the aspect of affair
entirely, and left no mode by which I could carry my intentions
into effect. The Territory has no funds, and there is not at my dispo
=sal a single article of camp equipment except a few tents. Ammu
I suppose could be procured at the Cantonment The General says
he can furnish me with ammunition at Fort Stoddert. How to
raise money to purchase forage and transportation is a difficulty
that I have not yet been able to surmount.

As the 7th Regiment will be ordered to the frontier
I suppose that mounted men from this quarter would be the most
useful. I will endeavour by all the individual and official means
within my power to procure funds sufficient to send to the aid
of our frontier inhabitants one hundred Dragoons, and a company
of mounted riflemen. To effect this object I will be come respons:
=ible in my individual capacity as far as I am warranted by
my small estate.

Some representations were made to me respecting
the propriety of marching the militia from this quarter, but
they had not the smallest influence upon my determinations.
The circumstances alone which I have stated to you frustrated my
first intentions.

Applied
Harry. Toulmin

I have &c,
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Capt. Jos. P. Kennedy.

Town of Washington, 3rd Sept. 1873.

Sir,

I have communicated fully to Judge Tarlton upon the subject of your letter of the 29th ult., received last evening by express, and must refer you to him for information.

I am &c.

Capt. Joseph P. Kennedy.

David Holmes.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, September, 4th 1873.

General Orders,

The annual Regimental Muster of the Militia of the Mississippi Territory will be held at the times and places following, to wit:

West of Pearl River.

The 2nd Regiment, on Saturday the 4th day of October next, at Wilkinson Court House.

The 1st Regiment, on the Wednesday following, (the 13th of October) at Amite Court House.

The 13th Regiment, on Wednesday the 20th day of October, at the place appointed for holding the Court in Marion County.

The 11th Regiment, on Wednesday the 27th day of October at Franklin Court House.

The 3rd Regiment, on Saturday the 15th of November, at Farar's Old Field, Shaood Creek.

The 4th Regiment, on Saturday the 22th of November, at Greenville.

The 5th Regiment, on the Wednesday following (the 24th of November at Gibson Port.

The 10th Regiment, on Monday the 29th of November, at Warrenton

Madison County.

The 7th Regiment will be mustered on Wednesday the 15th day of October next, at their usual Parade ground and

The 16th Regiment on the Thursday following, (the 21st of October) at such convenient place as may be appointed by the Commandant of said Regiment.

East of Pearl River

The 6th Regiment will muster on Wednesday the 27th of October next, at their usual parade ground in the County of Washington.

The 15th Regiment, on the Monday following, (1st November) at such convenient place in Clarke County as may be appointed by the commandant of the said Regiment.

The 9th Regiment, on Saturday the 6th day of November, at their usual parade ground in Wayne County.

The 12th Regiment, on Wednesday the 10th day of November next, at such convenient place in Green County, as the Commandant of the Regiment may appoint.

The 8th Regiment, on monday the 15th day of November, at their usual parade ground in Baldwin County.

The 14th Regiment, on Saturday the 20th day of November, at such convenient place in the County of Mobile, as the Commandant of the Regiment may appoint.

The 17th Regiment, on Thursday the 25th day of November, at such convenient place in the County of Jackson as the Commandant of the Regiment may appoint — and

The 18th Regiment, on Tuesday the 30th day of November, at such convenient place in the County of Hancock as the Commandant of the Regiment may appoint.

By the Commandor in chief,
And.w Marschalk, Lt. Col.
Adjt and Inspecter.

David Holmes.
Comr in chief.

From the Governor to General Flournoy.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 6th Sept; 1813.

I received your letter of the 20th and 17th August this morning.

From some intelligence received by express on Thursday last I had determined to order ~~a~~ about one hundred cavalry to Fort

Stoddart; but the information and opinions which your letter contains have changed this determination. I shall merely hold a force in readiness to march when required.

Col? Colleri's expedition was undertaken without my knowledge or approbation, and an enquiry into his conduct will be instituted.

Y? &c.

Brig? Gen? Flournoy. David Holmes.

From the Governor to M? J. Brashears.

Town of Washington, 8th Sept., 1813.

Sir,

I received your letter of the 5th inst. with the inclosures, & request that you will accept my thanks for this instance of your attention.

I wish you to inform the Chief, that I shall use my best exertions to prevent whiskey from being carried into the nation. I find it very difficult to detect the people who are engaged in this unlawful and mischievous trade.

On the subject of ammunition I am not prepared to say any thing at present; but if the hostile Creeks should attempt to make war upon our friends the Chactaws, I shall be in favour of aiding them with what may be requisite for their defence, and protection. In all extraordinary cases I would rather act by instructions from the President, who I am confident will do every thing to protect the friendly nations that they can reasonably desire.

Y? &c.,

James Brashears. David Holmes.

David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

To all who shall see these presents: Be it known that Benjamin Shields hath been duly appointed by me an agent on the part of this Territory to receive the body of Simon Tolle a fugitive from Justice, now lodged in the Jail of the parish of the Ouachitas in the State of Louisiana.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Territory, this 8th day of Sept. 1813.

(L.S.)

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lt. Colo. Russell.

Governor Holmes presents his respects to Colo. Russell and asks the favour of him to ride over as soon as he conveniently can this evening. The Governor has very important information to communicate to him.

10th September 1813.

From the Governor to Capt. Hinds.

Sir, Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 10th Sept., 1813.

I have this moment received information from Fort Stoddert by express. Fort Mimy commanded by Major Beasley is taken. He, and almost all his party, with a number of families, have been destroyed by the Indians.

You troops is ordered to repair to this place on Tuesday next, prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within your power will permit.

Capt. Thos. Hinds I have &c.

David Holmes.
Govr. in Chief, Mili. Majr. Gen.

A letter, an exact copy of the foregoing, was sent to Capt. James Kemper, and one to Capt. Cooke, on the day of the date thereof

From the Governor to Capt: James K. Cooke

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 10th Sept: 1873.

Sir,

I have this moment received information from Fort Stoddert by express. Fort Mims commanded by Major Beasley is taken. He, and almost all his party, with a number of families have been destroyed by the Indians.

Your troop is ordered to repair to this place on Tuesday next, prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within their power will permit.

Capt: James K. Cooke.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Comdt in chief Mil. Misp. Terry

P.S. The officers from your troop will be detailed in proportion to the number of men of which it may consist when rendezvous at this place.

D. H.

From the Governor to Capt: Kemper.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 10th Sept: 1873

Sir,

I have this moment received information from Fort Stoddert by express. Fort Mims commanded by Major Beasley is taken. He, and almost all his party, with a number of families have been destroyed by the Indians.

Your Troop is ordered to repair to this place on Tuesday next, prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within their power will permit.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Capt: James Kemper.

Comdt in chief Mil: Misp: Terry

From the Governor to Mr. Moses J. Hogland, Contractor's agent.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 11th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

I have ordered about one hundred Dragoons to assemble here on Tuesday next. You are required to be prepared to furnish rations to them for two days at this place, and to furnish them with two days rations to take with them on their march to Amite. On Friday next, the 17th instant, you will be prepared to furnish at Amite two hundred and eighty men with rations for five days at that place, and at Ford's on Pearl River you will be prepared to furnish the same number of men with five days provisions to take them to Fort Stoddert.

I have &c

David Holmes.

Mr. Moses J. Hogland.
Contractor's agent.

From the Governor to Cornet Mitchell.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington,
12th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

Capt: Cooke having refused to execute the order of the 10th inst., and Lieutenant Bradish having his commission, as I am informed, to attend to duty. You are required to order the troop of cavalry of which you are Cornet to repair on Wednesday next to this place, prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within their power will permit.

Cornet James I. Mitchell.

I am &c,

David Holmes.

Capt: in chief Mil: Misp: Jurs

From the Governor to Capt: Richardson.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 11th Sept: 1873

Sir,

I have received information from Fort Stoddert by express. Fort Mimms commanded by Maj: Beasley is taken. He, and almost all his party have been destroyed.

Your Troop is ordered to repair to Liberty in Amite County on Friday the 17th inst:, prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within their power will permit.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Capt: Richardson,
of the Wilkinson troop of
cavalry.

From the Governor to Capt: Dunn.

Sir, Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 11th Sept:, 1873

I have received information from Fort Stoddert by express. Fort Mimms commanded by Maj: Beasley is taken. He, and almost all his party have been destroyed.

Your Troop is ordered to repair to Liberty in Amite County on Friday the 17th inst:, prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within their power will permit.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Capt: Dunn,
of the Amite troop of
cavalry.

From the Governor to Capt: Downs.

Sir, Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 11th Sept:, 1873.

I have received information from Fort Stoddert by express. Fort Mimms commanded by Maj: Beasley is taken. He, and almost all his party have been destroyed.

Your ~~Troop~~ company of reflemen is ordered to repair to Liberty in Amite County, prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within their power will permit.

I have &c,

David Holmes.

Capt: Downs,
of the Wilkinson ~~troop~~ company of Reflemen

From the Governor to Lieut: Col.o Nelson.

Town of Washington, 11th Sept: 1813.

Sir,

This will be handed to you by Col.o Perry my aid de camp to whose acquaintance I introduce you. He will communicate to you the melancholy intelligence received from Fort Stoddert. He has orders for the Troops of cavalry of Wilkinson and Smith to rendezvous at Liberty ~~in Amite~~ on Friday next. He is likewise instructed to use his exertions to have a company of mounted riflemen or infantry raised in your County. I request that you will give him all the assistance in your power. Muskets will be forwarded to Liberty as soon as possible. I shall march with the troops from this place to Amite, and expect to be there on Friday.

I have &c.

David Holmes.

Lt. Col.o Nelson.

From the Governor to Cornet Mitchel.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 12th Sept: 1813.

Sir,

Capt: Cooke having refused to execute the order of the 10th inst:, and Lieutenant Bradish being too unwell, as I am informed to attend to duty, you are required to order the troops of cavalry of which you are Cornet to repair on Wednesday next to this place prepared in the best manner to take the field that the means within their power will permit.

I am &c.

David Holmes.

Cornet James I. Mitchel

Const. in chief, Mil. Misp. Terry

From the Governor to Lieut. Timothy P. Bradish.

Sir, Town of Washington, 12th Sept., 1813.

The enclosed letter (open) was written to Cornet Mitchell from a belief that you were too unwell to attend to your duty as Lieut. of the cavalry. If I have been mistaken in this circumstance you will proceed to execute the order, and consider the letter as addressed to yourself. If I have not been misinformed as to your being indisposed you will forward the letter to Cornet Mitchell.

Lieut. Timothy P. Bradish. I have &c.,
David Holmes.
Com.d in chief Mil. Misp. Terry

From the Governor to Josias A. M.Comas. Quartermaster.

Sir, Town of Washington, 12th Sept., 1813

I wish you to send out early in the morning fifty weight of power, and one hundred and fifty of lead. This quantity of ammunition I have determined to send to Pearl River for the use of the inhabitants. The way you to receive it will be here in the morning.

Request Doct. Sage or Doct. Alexander to select medicine to the amount of fifty dollars for the use of the cavalry, and have it sent out with the other articles you were directed to purchase.

I am &c.
David Holmes.

Mr. Josias A. M.Comas.
Quartermaster

From the Governor to Brig. Gen.l Flournoy

Sir, Town of Washington, 12th Sept., 1813

Previous to the receipt of your letter by express I had been informed by Gen.l Claiborne of the melancholy event on the Eastern frontier. In consequence of this intelligence I deemed it proper to take upon myself the responsibility of ordering all the cavalry of the Territory

into service, and of purchasing such articles of equipment as may be peculiarly requisite to enable them to proceed to Fort Stoddert. They will consist of four troops, in all about two hundred men, and will rendezvous at Liberty in ~~Amite~~ the County of Amite. The quartermaster will be furnished with money to purchase forage on the road.

These troops will be ready to execute your orders. I am confident the President will consider them as in the service of the United States

I have &c.,
Brig. Genl. Thos. Flournoy. David Holmes.

From the Governor to Colo. Nelson.

Town of Washington, 12th Sept., 1813.

Sir,

Since writing to you by Colo. Percy the 3rd Regiment of the United States infantry have been ordered from this place to Fort Stoddert. This circumstance has determined me to send only the cavalry from Amite and Wilkinson. I wish however that the mounted company of Riflemen, if one should be raised in your Regt., may be in readiness to act upon this shortest notice. Their services may be necessary in the Country on the Mississippi. I shall expect to see Capt. Dunn's troop of cavalry at Liberty on Friday.

Yrs. &c.,
Colo. Nelson. David Holmes.

Exchange $1000.

Town of Washington, Miss. 13th Sept., 1813.

Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, the second of the same tenor and date being unpaid, pray unto Parke Walton or order One thousand dollars, being money advanced by me to equip, and furnish forage for a Detachment of cavalry, consisting of four troops, ordered into service for the purpose of aiding in the protection of the eastern frontier of this Territory.

Hon.ble John Armstrong.
Secretary at War.

David Holmes. Gov.r Miss. Ter.y.

The foregoing bill was indorsed by Parke Walton, and a similar bill drawn for the same amount in favour of Henry Dinsgroits: was indorsed by him.

From the Governor to Capt. Downs.

Town of Washington, 13th Sept., 1813.

Sir,

By an order of the 11th inst: you were ordered to repair on friday next to Liberty in Amite County with your company. Since then the 3rd United States infantry in the Cantonment near this place have been ordered to Fort Stoddert. This circumstance induces me to countermand the order to you. You will however continue to use your best exertions to have your company completed, and in readiness to act upon the shortest notice. In all probability their services in their own, and the adjacent Counties will be necessary. Capt. Richardson's cavalry is all the force I shall take from Wilkinson.

Yrs &c,

David Holmes.

Capt. Downs,
of the Rifle corps.

From the Governor to Brig: Genl Claiborne.

Town of Washington, MT, 13th Sept:, 1813.

Sir,

I received your letter by express containing an account of the melancholy event that has taken place on the eastern frontier. The U.S. infantry has been ordered by Genl Flournoy to Fort Stoddert. About two hundred cavalry will march from Liberty in Amite for the same place on Friday next. This measure I have adopted upon my own responsibility.—

I have &c,

Brig: Genl Claiborne

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lt Colo Stockel

Sir,

Town of Washington, 13th September, 1813.

The third Regiment of the United States army has been ordered to Fort Stoddert. This circumstance has determined me to march only the cavalry from Wilkinson. I have therefore countermanded the order to Capt: Downs of the rifle corps. He is not to rendezvous at Liberty, but you will instruct him to have his company in readiness to act upon the shortest notice. Their services may be necessary in their own, and the adjacent Counties.

I have &c

Lt Colo Stockel.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Capt: I. G. Richardson.

Dear Sir,

Town of Washington, 14th Sept:, 1813

I have received your letter of the 11th inst: I forwarded to you by Colo Percy my acd-de camp, orders to repair with your troops to Liberty in Amite on Friday next. The report respecting Fort Mims is unfortunately true. It gives me pleasure to hear that your troops are in good spirits, and anxious for service.

I am &c David Holmes.

Capt. I. G. Richardson
of the Wilkinson Troop of Cavalry.

From the Governor to the Secretary of War.

Sir, Town of Washington, 14th Sept. 1813.

Brigadier General McArthur forwarded to me by express the enclosed copy of a letter which he has written to General Flournoy, giving an account of the attack made upon Fort Mims by a party of Creek Indians on the 30th ult.

Whether the unfortunate affair is properly attributable to a want of force or not you will be able to judge from the General's letter.

Col. Hawkins's communications were not the causes of preventing me from sending a force to the eastern frontier, which my letters to you and my correspondence with the commanding General of the District, will show. General Flournoy in his communications to me always conveyed the idea that General Claiborne's force would be sufficient to protect the frontier.

The day that the express arrived here with the melancholy intelligence I ordered four Troops of Dragoons, and a company of mounted riflemen to assemble for the purpose of marching to Fort Stoddert. They will march on Friday next from Liberty, distant about sixty miles from this place. I have been obliged to furnish purchase ammunition and camp equipage, and shall be compelled to furnish the Quartermaster with money to purchase forage. To cover these expenditures in part I have drawn upon you for two thousand dollars - One set of Bills for one thousand dollars in favour of Henry Daingerfield, another set in favour of Parke Walton for one thousand dollars. I have mentioned this sum in part as it is uncertain whether it will be sufficient to equip the detachment, and to purchase forage on the road. You may rest assured Sir, that no more money will be expended than is absolutely requisite.

Hon.ble John Armstrong, I have &c.,
David Holmes.
Secretary at War.

P.S. I have countermanded the order for the mounted Riflemen, as the 3rd. U.S. Regiment has been ordered by General Flournoy to march from this place immediately to Fort Stoddert. The cavalry will consist in all of about two hundred men.

D H

From the Governor to Doct Lewis

Town of Washington, 14th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

In consequence of the melancholy intelligence received from Fat Stoddert, I determined to order a detachment of cavalry to march as soon as possible to that place. Two troops will rendezvous here this day, and the whole on Friday next at Liberty in Amite. Your services as a surgeon are required, and it is my earnest request that you will be here on Thursday. If the troops should have marched before you arrived here, you will be able to overtake them before they reach Amite. The medicine has been selected and purchased. The disappointment will be great if any circumstance should prevent your compliance.

Doct Lewis. Yr. &c., David Holmes.

From the Governor to Mr. Robt. Andrews.
apt. dpy. Q. M. G.

Town of Washington, 14th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

I have an order upon you from General Flournoy for as many muskets and bayonets as I may require. A copy of the order is herewith enclosed. This is to notify you that I shall require seven hundred and fifty stand, for which I will receipt to you. I am &c., David Holmes.

Mr. Robert Andrews.
apt. dpy. Quartermaster General.

General Orders. Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 15th Sept. 1813

Captain Hinds of the Jefferson Troop has been promoted to the rank of Major of the Cavalry. He will take the command of the detachment of Mississippi Dragoons, consisting of the Jefferson Troop, Adams Troop commanded by Capt. Kempe, the Madison Troop commanded by Capt. Richardson, the Amite Troop commanded by Capt. Dunn, ordered into service to aid in protecting the eastern frontier of the Territory.

David Holmes.
Comdr in chief, Mil. Msp. Terry

From the Governor to Lt Colo Hicks.

Sir, Town of Washington, 15th September, 1813.

The danger to be apprehended from the Creek Indians continues to increase. I require therefore that you will have your Regiment upon the alert. You will make regular details from your Regiment to act as scouts and rangers upon the frontier, and upon just apprehensions of the approach of an enemy, you will order out the whole, or any part of the Regiment, that you deem the occasion to require. I will furnish you with one hundred muskets, and some ammunition, with bayonets, upon your application, for which the field officers of the Regiments must give responsible receipts.

I would recommend to the inhabitants to construct two blockade forts, at a convenient distance, so that the men in each might aid in case of an attack upon either of the forts.

Lt Colo Hicks,
of the 10th Regiment

Jam &c.,
David Holmes.

A letter similar to the foregoing was written to Lt Colo Ralph Regan of the 5th Regiment.

From the Governor to James Kirchival esq.

Sir, Town of Washington, 15th Sept., 1813.

Be pleased to purchase five hundred lbs of powder, and fifteen hundred lbs of lead: Of this quantity deliver to the Messrs Abraham Depauw, one hundred pounds of powder, and three hundred lbs of lead. The remainder will be drawn for hereafter.

I am &c.,

James Kirchival esq. David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lt. Col. Caradine.

Sir, Town of Washington, 16th Sept., 1813.

The danger to be apprehended from the Creek Indians continues to increase. I require therefore that you will have your Regiment upon the alert. You will make regular details from your Regiment to act as scouts and rangers on the frontiers, and upon just apprehension of the approach of an enemy you will order out the whole or any part of the Regiment which you deem the occasion to require.

I would recommend it to the inhabitants to construct a stockade fort.

I am &c., David Holmes.

Lt Col. Caradine

From the Governor to Mr. James Kirchival,

Sir, Town of Washington, 16th Sept., 1813.

Deliver to Majr. Rop the remainder of the powder and lead which I requested you to purchase.

I am &c.

Mr. James Kirchival David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lt. Col. Weatherspoon.

Sir, Town of Washington, 16th Sept., 1813.

I was much surprised at your leaving town yesterday without the arms which I intended for your Regiment. You must have made some mistake in the application. I have sent by Mr. Porter fifty muskets and bayonets. He will deliver them to Mr. Dellon, or Mr. Dunn. They have my instructions to deliver them to you upon your signing receipts with the gentlemen who were here with you. The guns should be deposited in three or four places. I would recommend it to the inhabitants to construct a stockade fort.

P.S. Lt. Col. Weatherspoon. Yr. &c. David Holmes.

You are ordered to make regular details from your Regiment to act as scouts and rangers on the frontier, and upon just apprehensions of the approach of an enemy you will order out the whole or any part of the Regiment that you may deem the occasion to require.

D.H.

Exchange. $1000. Town of Washington, N.J. 16th Sept., 1813

Ten days after receipt of this my first Bill, the second of the same tenor and date being unpaid, pay unto Mr. Jeremiah Dillon or order One thousand dollars, being money advanced by me for the purchase of ammunition, and the transportation of arms for the defence of the Territory.

David Holmes.
Gov.r of the Misp. Terry.

Hon.ble John Armstrong,
Secretary at War.

From the Governor to Mr. James Kerchival.

Sir, Town of Washington, 16th Sept., 1813

I received your letter this morning. I wish you to complete the order I sent you yesterday. Mr. McComas will deliver you a check for five hundred dollars. Duplicate receipts must be taken upon the accounts.

Yr. &c.,
David Holmes.

Mr. James Kerchival.

P.S. Mr. Hunt will deliver this letter. The check is at Fort.
D.H.

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From the Governor to Lt. Col. Ralph Regan.

Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1813

Sir,

Mr. Abraham Defrance will deliver to you two hundred muskets and bayonets, one hundred lbs of powder, three hundred lbs of lead, and four hundred flints. One half of the arms and ammunition you will deliver to Col. Hicks upon his signing receipts with the field officers of his regiment. The other half you will retain for the use of your County, and forward to me similar receipts for the same.

I am &c.,
David Holmes.

Lt. Col. Regan.

P.S.

A copy of the receipt is enclosed. Duplicates must be signed.

DH

A Copy the receipt.

Received of David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory, one hundred muskets and bayonets, fifty pounds of powder, one hundred and fifty pounds of lead, and two hundred flints, the property of the United States. And we do hereby obligate ourselves to return the said guns and bayonets, in good order (inevitable accidents excepted) to the said David Holmes, at the town of Washington whenever we may be required so to do. And we do further obligate ourselves to return the ammunition that may be unexpended in the defence of the County, whenever the guns shall be demanded. For the true performance of all these obligations we bind ourselves in the penal sum of two thousand dollars.

From the Governor to Capt. Richardson, or Capt. Dunn.

Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1813.

Sir,

The troops from this place will not reach Liberty until Sunday next. The Quartermaster's deputy set out on yesterday with his camp equipage, and the contractor has assured me that provisions will be at Liberty this day. I will see you on the day after tomorrow.

I am &c.,
David Holmes, Gov. in chief

Capt. Richardson
Capt. Dunn.

From the Governor to Lt Colo Fleming.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1813.

Sir,

The danger to be apprehended from the Creek Indians continues to increase. I require, therefore, that you will have your Regiment on the alert, and upon first apprehension of the approach of an enemy you will order out the whole or any part of your command that you may deem the occasion to require.

Should the commanding officer in the Service of the United States at Cantonment Washington, request of you a guard for the public property, you will furnish him without delay with the number of men that he may require.

I am &c.,

David Holmes.

Comdt in chief, Mil: Misp: Terry.

Lt Colo Fleming.

From the Governor to Robt Andreeary.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1813

Deliver to Lt Colo Thomas Peay one hundred and fifty muskets and bayonets.

David Holmes.

Robt Andreeary

Asst Quarter master Genl

From the Governor to Lt Colo Caradine.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1813

I send to you by Mr Abraham Defoure fifty pounds of powder, and one hundred and fifty pounds of lead, for which you will transmit to me a receipt.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Lt Colo Caradine.

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From the Governor to Lt. Col. Canadine.

Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

Your information was received this moment. The bearer is dispatched to ascertain the truth of the report.

Yrs &c.,
David Holmes.

Lt. Col. Canadine.

From the Governor to Col. Rupell.

17th Sept. 1873.

Sir,

I inclose to you the letter that I have received. They are from respectable men, and the report is entitled to some credit.

Yrs &c.,
David Holmes.

Col. Rupell.

From the Governor to Maj. Hinds.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 17th Sept. 1873.

I have this moment received information that a body of Creek Indians are in Claiborne County. It comes in a letter from Col. Canadine. Not of his own knowledge, but from the representations of others. It may be true. You will order the cavalry to return to this place.

Yrs &c.,
David Holmes.

Maj. Hinds.

From the Governor to Lt. Col. Fleming.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 17th Sept. 1873.

You will order the Battalion commanded by Maj. Hill to repair immediately to Natchez. You will order two companies from the Battalion commanded by Maj. Montgomery to rendezvous at this place. They will appear armed in the best manner that is practicable, and two

companies from the Battalion commanded by Maj: Swagle to rendezvous at Farris old field, and to march to this place upon the appearance of danger from the Creek Indians. You will instruct the Major to inform the men and the citizens that the object of this order is to be prepared to meet an enemy should the reports be true that have been recived here.

Yr. &c, David Holmes.

Lt. Colo. Fleming.

From the Governor to the Senior Commanding officer at Liberty in Amite County.

Sir, Town of Washington, 14th Sept., 1813.

Mr. Spain will deliver to you one thousand rations. You will cause to be issued to the troops that may have rendezvoused at Liberty, as many as may be requisite to furnish them until further orders. I expect to be at Liberty on Friday or Saturday next. You must make the best arrangement you can for provisions until the troops from this place shall arrive, when you will be furnished with both.

I am &c, David Holmes.

To the commanding officer at Liberty, Amite County.

From the Governor to Colo. Percy.

Sir, Town of Washington, 16th Sept. 1813.

The waggon I suppose cannot take more than one hundred and fifty guns. Three cases of following dimensions will be sufficient to contain them. Box five feet five inches by three feet, and fifteen inches deep. In the morning I will give you the order.

Yours &c, David Holmes.

Colo. Percy.

P.S. I wish to see you early in the morning

D.H.

From the Governor to Lieutenant Col.

Town of Washington, 17th September, 1813.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 17th was handed to me last night. This morning I have received information respecting the falsety of the report respecting Creeks Indians being in your neighbourhood.

Accept my thanks for your vigilance on this occasion

Lieutenant Colo Regan.

Yr. &c.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lieut: Colo Reapelle.

Sir,

Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1813.

I expect to recieve this night or early in the morning a communication that will contain a Statement of facts related to the information you recieved through my aid de camp this morning. As soon as it arrives I will send a messenger to you. From what I have this moment heard there is not as much cause for alarm as the letters submitted to your perusal convey, but every thing respecting the intelligence is still uncertain.

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Since writing the above I have received the inclosed letters by an express sent to Jefferson County.

Yr. &c.

David Holmes.

Lt. Colo Reapelle.

D H.

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Clinch.

Town of Washington, 17th Sept., 1813.

Sir,

In prosecuting through the Chactaw nation I wish you to ascertain, as far as it may be in your power, whether the warriors are disposed to take a part in favour of the United States against the Creek Indians. You might intimate to some of the principal men that propositions would probably be made to them, taking care however not to make any positive declarations on the subject. I wish you likewise to ascertain whether there is at present, or has been lately, any number of Creeks in the Chactaw nation, endeavouring to prevail upon the warriors to act a hostile part towards us, and whether they have in any degree succeeded. It will give me much satisfaction to hear from you upon these subjects, so important to the safety of the Territory.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my regard and respect.

Lt Col. Clinch — Yr. &c., David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Nelson.

Sir — Town of Washington, 7th October, 1813.

It is in my power to furnish you with 50 lb. of powder, and 150 lb. of lead. You will therefore embrace the first opportunity of sending an order for it.

Lt Col. Nelson. — Yr. &c., David Holmes.

From the Governor to Majr. Hinds.

Town of Washington, 18th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

Doctr. William Lewis of the 6th Regiment has been ordered to serve with the detachment of cavalry now on their march as surgeon to the same.

David Holmes

Majr. Hinds.

Comdr. in chief of the Mich. Miss. Army.

From the Governor to Lieutenant Colo. Caradine.

Town of Washington, 18th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

I received your letter of last night early this morning by Mr. Montgomery, to whose voluntary services on this occasion I am much indebted. I am glad to hear that the report is false, and that it arose through error, and not intention. Accept my thanks for your vigilance and attention.

Lieutenant Colo. Caradine.

Yr. &c.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lt. Colo. Stockel,

Head Quarters, Liberty, 21st September, 1873.

Sir,

You will immediately give orders to the respective Captains of your Regiment to keep a strict and regular patrol throughout the companies. You will likewise order them to muster their companies once in two weeks until further orders.

I have &c.,

David Holmes.

Comdr. in chief Mil. Miss. Army

Lt. Colo. Stockel

From the Governor to Lieutenant Col.: Nelson.

Head Quarters, Liberty, 21st Sept., 1813.

Sir,

The exposed situation of the eastern frontier, and the danger to be apprehended in that part of the County induces me to require you to make a detail in rotation from your Regiment of twelve men to act as scouts and rangers between this settlement and Pearl River. You will instruct them to proceed as far as Pearl River, and should they receive any information of the movements of the enemy to transmit the same to you without delay. Should such information, in your discretion, warrant the measure you will call out your Regiment, or such part as you may think proper, ordering them to rendezvous at such points as you may deem best calculated for the defence and protection of the County, and at such convenient distances that the division or battalion (if you should think it prudent to assemble in battalions) may assist each other in case of an attack. In an event of this nature the families, and all the property that can be removed should be sent to a place of safety in the interior.

I wish to have organized as soon as possible a company of riflemen or light infantry. A portion of them should be constantly upon the frontier. You will order them to range as far as the Chactaw line on Pearl River.

Lieutenant Col.: Nelson. Yr. &c., David Holmes.

Comdr. in chief Mil.: Mish.: Terry

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Nixon.

Head Quarters, Albany, 21st Sept., 1873.

Sir,

I was prepared to furnish you with some arms and ammunition when Captain Bennet and Mr. Reynolds were in Washington, but neither of them could procure a waggon. They have promised to send waggons from Pearl River.

You will organize as soon as possible a company of Riflemen to act as scouts and rangers upon the frontier. Their object should be to watch the movements of the enemy, and report to you immediately any information that they may be able to obtain. I will forward commissions whenever you recommend officers. In the mean time you this letter you will consider as an authority for the persons who may be designated as officers to act as such until they receive commissions. As to a remuneration for the services they may render out of the common course of militia duty, that will be a proper subject for the consideration of the legislature, and I rest confident that justice will be done to the individuals composing the corps. No man I presume will hesitate to engage in a service that has for its object the protection of his own family, and the families of his neighbours.

I have &c

David Hobson.

Lieut. Col. Nixon.

Com. in chief Mil. Miss. Jury

From the Governor to Henry Damingfield

Head Quarters, Town of Liberty, 21st September, 1813.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Runnels, the Sheriff, has procured a waggon, and will be able to take from you one hundred guns, with one hundred pounds of powder; and three hundred pounds of lead, which he is to deliver to Col. Nixon. You will deliver them to him and take his receipt to deliver them to the Col.

The County on Tombigbee is deserted, and we must make a stand on Pearl River.

Yr. &c.

Mr. Henry Damingfield

David Holmes.

P.S. To Captain Bennet you will deliver the number of guns, and quantity of ammunition mentioned in the memorandum.

D.H.

Gen. Orders.

Head Quarters, Liberty, 22nd September, 1813.

Major Hinds is ordered to have the troops of Cavalry under his command paraded this day at 12 O'Clock for the purpose of being then reviewed, mustered, and inspected.

David Holmes.

Comdr. in chief Mil. Mip. Terry

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Nixon.

Sir,

Head Quarters, Liberty, 22nd Sept., 1813.

Your letter of the 20th inst. was handed to me yesterday by Mr. McGowan. I wish the whole of the militia in your Regiment to be on the alert, and to be in readiness to defend themselves. You will however proceed immediately to raise by draft or voluntary offer

of service, two complete companies to be held in readiness to act at the shortest notice. This is in addition to the order contained in the letter of yesterday forwarded by Lt. Col. Lamore. I shall send one company from this County, and as soon as arrangements can be made for their support, the four companies will be called into service. In the mean time let the rifle corps, whenever they are raised, act according to the former order.

I have &c.,

David Holmes,
Comd. in chief Mil. Miss. Terry

Lieut. Col. Nixon
13th Regiment

Head Quarters, Liberty, 22nd Sept., 1813.

General Orders.

The Mississippi Dragoons will proceed upon the route to Fort Stoddart as early in the morning as the corps can be prepared to march. When they come up with the 3rd Regiment of United States infantry Maj. Hinds will immediately report himself to Col. Russell the commanding officer of the Regiment, under whose orders he will march to Fort Stoddart. When he arrives at that post he will report himself to the commanding General, and inform him that he is ready with his detachment to perform any duty that may be assigned to him.

The Commander in chief has witnessed with the utmost satisfaction the alacrity shewn by the cavalry in repairing to the standard of their County upon his call for their services. The corps is composed of men in whose patriotism and courage their fellow citizens must have the utmost confidence. Not soldiers from compulsion, or from necessity, they have placed themselves in the front ranks of danger to oppose a savage foe now threatening

our Country with destruction and devastation. While the Commander in Chief is sensible of the patriotic motives that brought the corps with cheerfulness to the field, he cannot refrain from intimating to them the importance of strict but just discipline. In vain may troops be formed of the best materials that the world affords; in vain may they be influenced by the most ardent love of Country, without obedience and without order they will be feeble. The Commander in chief therefore enjoins upon every individual of the corps to observe regularity, to be obedient to orders, and to cherish for each other that affectionate regard which ought to subsist among men engaged in a cause all important to themselves, and to their Country.

David Holmes,
Comdt in chief Mil. Misp. Terry

From the Governor to the Com.g Genl at Fort Stoddert.

Dear Sir, Liberty, Amite County, 23rd Sept. February, 1813.

I send to your assistance four complete troops of Dragoons under the command of Major Hinds, an intelligent officer. They are composed of men of the first respectability, and will cheerfully submit to the privations common to soldiers in order that they may be serviceable to their distressed Country. I have furnished the quarter master with sufficient funds to purchase forage upon the road. When they arrive at Fort Stoddert they will of course be furnished from the quarter masters department of the army of the United States.

Com.g Genl at Fort Stoddert I have &c
P.S. David Holmes.

They march from their place immediately, and will overtake the 3rd United States Regiment, now about eight miles in advance, and proceed on with the Regiment to Fort Stoddert.

Com.g Genl Fort Stoddert. D.H.

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Repell.

Brayp. on the road to Washington, 7 Oclock,

Sir, 23rd Sept., 1813.

At this place I have accidentally met with an express to you from Majr. Arbuckle. I know nothing of the intelligence that he bears, but if it should determine you to return to Washington, or otherwise change your destination, I think it would be proper to halt the Cavalry at Spring River, as they are not prepared with arms calculated to act alone in case of an attack from an equal force of the enemy. With infantry they can act effectually, and therefore I deem it proper to place them under your command. I depend upon you, Sir, I am confident that whatever orders you may receive you will take the course that propriety and the good of the service may dictate.

Lieut. Col. Repell. I have &c David Holmes.

From the Governor to Majr. Hinds.

Sir, September 23rd, 1813.

Mr. Hoagland the contractor's agent informs me that there is a deficiency in the returns received by him for provisions. This error I wish you to enquire into, and have rectified.

Majr. Hinds. Yrs &c David Holmes.

From the Governor to. John Hinds Esq^r

Dear Sir, Liberty, 23rd September, 1813.

This will be handed to you by Col^o Hoagland the Contractors agent. I have recommended him to make a contract with you to furnish all the troops of militia that may be ordered from this place to Pearl River, or stationed there, or marched from thence to Fort Stoddert, or any other part on the eastern frontier.

I hope you, or some person whom you can recommend, will enter into the contract, as it is my intention to order troops be stationed on Pearl River as soon as arrangements can be made

for their support. The contractor is not obliged to furnish on my requisition without thirty days notice. If Mr. Hoagland enters into any agreement with you, or any other person, let me know it immediately, and forward me a copy of the contract.

John Ford esq.

I am &c,
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Lieut. Col. Stevens.

Town of Washington, 25th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

I send to you by Mr. Rummells one hundred guns and bayonets, 300 lbs. of lead, 100 lbs of powder, and three hundred flints. For these articles you will transmit to me a responsible receipt. You will decide them so as to give each place of defence, or Fort a just proportion, and take receipts from responsible persons, as I shall look to you for the guns and bayonets, and for the ammunition unless it is expended in the defence of the County.

Yr. &c, David Holmes,
Lieut. Col. Stevens. Gov. Miss. Terry.

From the Governor to Mr. Thomas Powell.

Town of Washington, 27th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

I enclose to you a commission of notary public of the County of Mobile, to reside in the Town of Mobile, which I request you to accept.

Desired to acknowledge the receipt of this letter by the earliest opportunity.

Yr. &c,
David Holmes.

Mr. Thomas Powell.

From the Governor to the Secretary at War.

Town of Washington, 28th Sept., 1873.

Sir,

On thursday last the 3rd United States Regiment under the command of Lieut. Col. Russell, and four troops of Dragoons, each troop consisting of about forty privates of the Militia of this Territory, with the usual complement of officers, marched from Liberty in the County of Amite for Fort Stoddert. There is reason to believe that when the Creeks are prepared by the troops now moving against them from Tomispee and Georgia, that they will force their way through the Chactaw Country, and attempt to cross the Mississippi near the mouth of the Yazoo. As our settlements generally extend to the Indian boundary, we shall have to guard against their depredations in that quarter, and also near the line on Pearl River, where the inhabitants will be much exposed.

I have ordered scouts and spies to be kept constantly employed on every part of the frontier, and I have loaned to the militia some of the public arms from the arsenal for which I had an order upon the quarter master from General Flournoy. Responsible receipts have been taken from the officers to return them in good order when required. I have also purchased a quantity of ammunition which has been placed at the disposal of the Commanders of the Regiments. These measures I conceived to be indispensable to the safety of the County.

A few of the Chactaws have joined the Creeks, but the chiefs, and a great majority of the nation are friendly. They could easily be engaged to act with the United States.

I draw upon you in favour for one thousand dollars in favour of Nehemiah Tilton on the 16th instant; an account of the monies disbursed will be forwarded by the next mail.

Honble Jno Armstrong,
Secretary at War.

I have &c.,
David Holmes.